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Pedestrian Safety a major concern

BY KYLE COLLINS
SENIOR REPORTER

Two crosswalk incidences in two weeks have shaken the campus community. In hopes of prevention and education, GCSU Police began a pedestrian safety enforcement campaign at the intersection of Clarke and Hancock street on Monday.

Officers present at the site of the recent accidents handed out pamphlets to pedestrians and motorists. The booklet provided tips on who has the right of way in scenarios at crosswalks with and without traffic signals.

Justin Gaines, coordinator of environmental health and occupational

safety (EPOS), said some drivers don't know the laws and many pedestrians think they always have the right of way. A lack of attention contributes to traffic mishaps as well.

"A driver will be on the cell phone trying to take care of everything, but driving and vice versa the pedestrian is trying to cross the crosswalk while on the phone, listening to the iPod or talking to their friends," Gaines said. "They're just not paying attention to what's around them."

Public Safety called a meeting with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) concerning the issues at the Clarke-Hancock street intersection. This Tuesday Gaines spoke with

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Junior guard Shandrea Moore, drives past an Armstrong Atlantic defender on Wednesday Night. The Bobcats beat the Pirates 70-58. For complete coverage turn to **Page 16**

'Cats Dominate

BY MATT KUHL
STAFF REPORTER

If you thought you saw an unfamiliar police car patrolling the streets of Milledgeville, you're not wrong. The GCSU Public Safety Department recently added two 2009 Dodge Chargers to its motor pool.

According to Deputy Chief Major Joe Grant, the Department had requested the cars in March 2008, but they only entered into service three weeks ago.

The cars cost about \$29,000 each, and Maj. Grant said that Public Safety looked for ways to economize wherever possible. One problem, said Maj. Grant, was that Public Safety had used mostly Ford Crown Victorias, and many of their

old equipment would not fit the Chargers. Grant noted that the new Chargers used older dashboard cameras, since new systems would have cost about \$5000

Maj. Grant said that the department had attempted to find used Chargers, but was forced to buy new ones, since the Charger model has only been on the police market for three years. In fact, the original order had been for 2008 Chargers, but by the time the manufacturer was able to fill the order, only 2009 Chargers were available. In spite of that, Maj. Grant said, the department paid the same price that it would have paid for the 2008 models.

One reason for acquiring

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Employee shoots man in self-defense

BY ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

A man was killed last Tuesday, Feb. 3, resulting from an altercation with his alienated wife and her male friend.

Boderick Horne, 31 of Milledgeville, was found dead with several gunshot wounds in the home of his alienated wife, Lakeisha Horne, 28, in her duplex apartment located in River's Edge Subdivision.

Officials said that Boderick Horne had forcefully entered his estranged wife's home confronting Lakeisha Horne and her male friend, Keeno Weaver, a GCSU Employee.

Authorities say that the males

got into an argument taking the confrontation into the kitchen when Weaver shot Boderick Horne several times resulting in his death.

Lakeisha Horne was not present during the shooting. Authorities said that she was outside making a phone call to get help. However, Capt. Dray Swicord of Milledgeville Police said that they responded to a call made by Weaver.

Weaver was detained by Milledgeville PD for questioning and was released Wednesday. authorities say they've concluded

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Fewer freshmen being accepted

BY WARREN JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

After reviewing nearly 4,000 applications for Fall 2009, GCSU Admissions will admit almost 2,200 high school seniors – but who will make the cut?

Suzanne Pittman, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, explains just how tough it's getting for prospective students.

"Contrary to what people might think, we actually accepted fewer freshman this year than we did last year," said Pittman.

More students are choosing to stay at GCSU than in recent years, leaving less room for new students to enter. Each year, the university determines how many students it's going to accept before any applications are received.

"It all goes into one big picture," Pittman said. "So, really, you have to take into account one set of students before admitting the others."

GCSU has no plans to increase the size of the undergraduate class.

"We are, however, trying to increase our graduate size," Pittman said.

Factors that limit the number of students admitted include the number of faculty, classroom space and housing.

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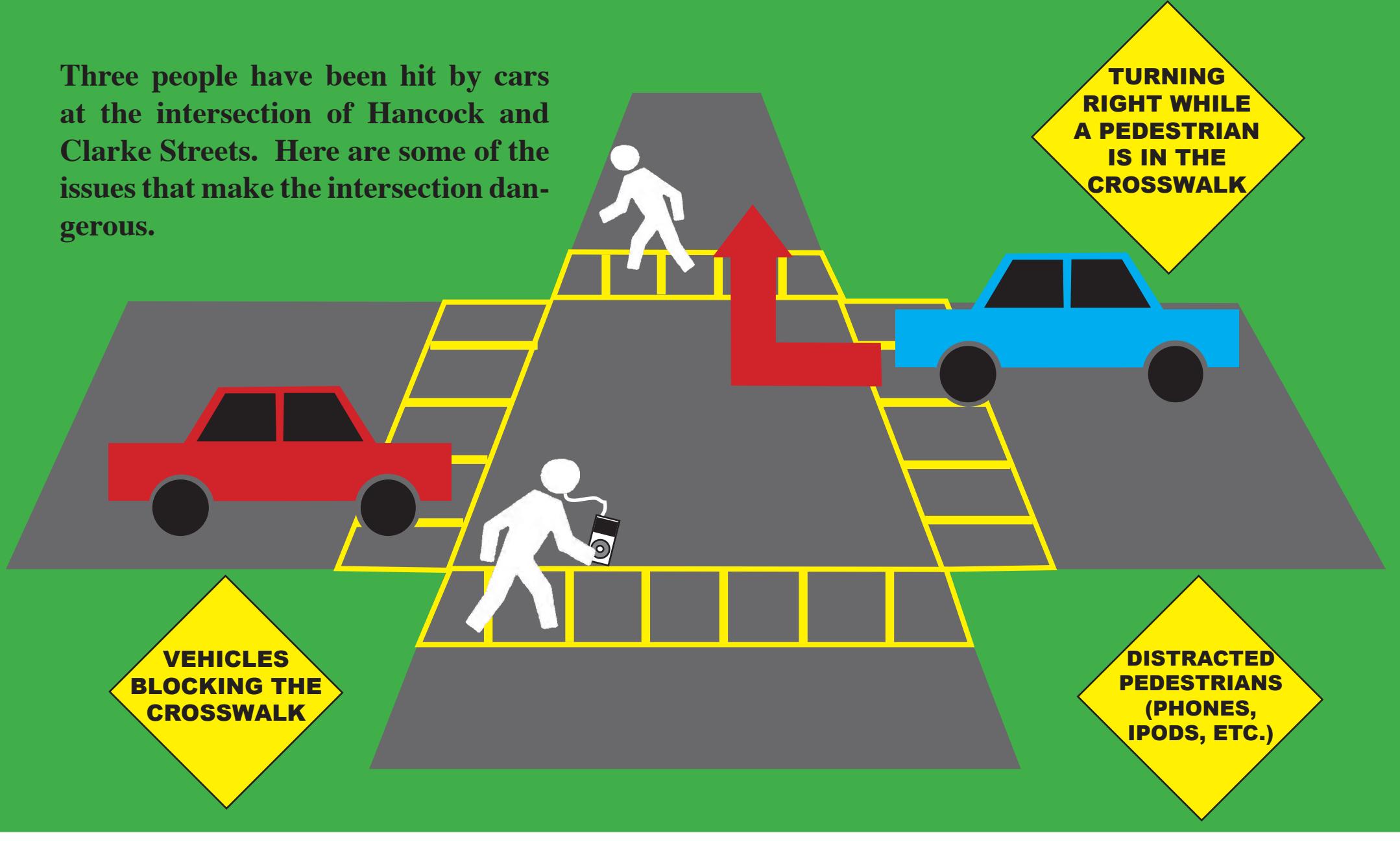
Public Safety patrols in brand new Chargers



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Public Safety purchased two brand-new 2009 Dodge Chargers this year. Public Safety was mostly driving Ford Crown Victorias and has purchased the new rides for \$ 29,000 a piece.

Three people have been hit by cars at the intersection of Hancock and Clarke Streets. Here are some of the issues that make the intersection dangerous.



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the GDOT representative about alternative crosswalk safety options.

The idea of raised crosswalks gets thrown out because Hancock Street lies on GA Highway 49, which brings tractor trailer trucks. The GDOT would never agree to alter the crosswalks based on the heavy vehicle traffic.

One workable option for the intersection is audible pedestrian signals. Originally designed to assist the visually impaired, these systems talk you through signal changes and provide a ticking countdown representing the crossing time limit.

"We are going to try and get that implemented to make it as easy as possible for a pedestrian to know exactly what to

do," Gaines said. "I'm a big advocate of it, and I'm going to push as hard as I can to see that it happens."

Senior criminal justice major John Butler said safety is a joint effort between drivers and pedestrians. Butler said increased punishment for violators would help.

"I think patrol should be set up by the bicycle cops and cite pedestrians who walk without the correct signal. In addition, motorists are supposed to remain stopped for the entire time that a pedestrian is in the crosswalk," Butler said. "A couple months of ticket giving will curb the carelessness."

The last few accidents left the motorist at fault. GCSU's media relations manager Judy Bailey said beefed up enforcement by the school and city could make a difference. Bailey and her co-worker Zach Kincaid were struck in last week's incident.

"I always knew there was a possibility, but I was shocked at what happened on Thursday," Bailey said. "Drivers have

to obey the laws."

In the Governor's Office of Highway Safety's annual Highway Safety Plan (HSP) released in January, the reduction of pedestrian related fatalities stands out as a top priority goal for 2009. Trend statistics in the HSP taken from 2000 through 2006 total all types of pedestrian injuries related to motor vehicle collisions to 14,525. Injury rates remain the highest among the 15 to 19 year old age group.

The HSP pinpoints the cause to highway design and road construction focused on efficient traffic flow instead of safe pedestrian movement.

Education, changes in signal technology and stricter traffic enforcement compose GCSU's current strategic campaign against these alarming numbers.

Anyone wanting to find more information on driver and pedestrian safety laws can access electronic forms on the EPOS Web site info.gcsu.edu/intranet/epos.



The Colonnade sweeps the 2008 GCPA Awards



(L-R) Ross Couch, Preston Sellers, Erin Gish, Corey Dickstein, Claire Kersey, Lee Sandow, Ana Maria Lugo, Claire Dykes, Mandy Boddy, Bobby Gentry

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SGA faces a decision on smoking ban proposal

BY AUBREY PETKAS
SENIOR REPORTER

A growing trend is blowing across college campuses nationwide. According to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, nearly 60 college campuses around the United States have established smoke-free policies that affect the entire campus.

The Student Government Association has recently proposed a tightening of smoking regulations on campus. GCSU currently has limited restrictions banning smoking indoors, in residential housing and student facilities. The new proposal, written by Billy Grace, SGA senator, would prevent the smoking of cigarettes within a 30-foot-radius of any doorway, window or air duct.

After two open forums over the past two weeks, with a total of 50 faculty, students and staff in attendance, the proposal began to get hazy. The forums were hosted by SGA, and faculty senate's Resource, Planning and Institutional Policy Committee.

"There are probably not five people on this campus who know where all the air intakes are. I don't even know and I was the plant director for years," Dave Groseclose, assistant vice president for plant safety, said. "Some places [on campus] would require smokers to stand in the grass on front campus. You wouldn't be able to walk between buildings."

For art students in Mayfair Hall, a building located on the corner of Clark and Hancock streets, a smoke break 30 feet from any doorway, window or air duct would land smokers into an intense high-stakes game of Frogger.

Other evolving issues include the cost of weatherproof signs. State law allows universities to define their own regulations and provides them with the power to designate smoking and non-smoking areas as long as signs are visible. These signs would come out of the

school's budget unless they were donated to the school, as was the case a few years ago.

In 2003, The Tobacco Prevention Center in Macon donated two boxes of 'No Smoking' signs to GCSU. The signs were to be placed on campus in locations approved by SGA and Interim President David Brown. The signs were erected, but most of them were torn down within days.

If this type of resistance against smoking policies persists, enforcing this new rule may become a problem for campus police. A smoking culprit who smokes within a 30-foot radius of any doorway, air duct or window would be fined \$100.

Quintus Sibley, director of legal affairs, explains how rules regarding smoking may not be feasible. "Something like this would be hard to prove in court. The first question the judge will ask the officer is, 'Did you have a tape measurer?' Most likely the answer will be no," Sibley said. "No smoking, we can enforce. All this in between leaves a lot of loose ends untied."

A complete smoking-ban on campus would introduce a new set of issues and decisions.

Time would be an issue for smoking faculty who would be required to trek across campus to an approved smoking area.

This suggestion had Andrei Barkovskii, Microbiology professor, on edge at one of the open forums.

"What about bad weather," Barkovskii said. "Would you erect smoking stations for rainy weather?"

On some smoke-free campuses across the nation, bus-stop-like stations have been set up for smokers. The construction of these units would cost upwards of \$10,000.

In the GCSU Policy Fact Sheet, the major

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College host annual fair for science and engineering

BY KELSIE FUNK
STAFF REPORTER

Grade school students from eight counties in Middle Georgia descended upon the Centennial Center last weekend for the Regional Science and Engineering Fair. GCSU's Science Education Center hosted the event that determined the competitors for state and international science fairs.

"This year's fair went over very well. The awards ceremony was fun and the students did a great job," said Dr. Rosalie Richards, the director of the fair and the Science Education Center.

Students in grades 4-11 filled the west court in Centennial Friday morning with row upon row of their science project displays. Many of the students that competed at the regional fair had previously won local or school-wide science fairs.

GCSU students and faculty made up many of the judges. They were happy to lend their time to the up-and-comers in the science community.

"I enjoyed seeing how creative kids can be. There was everything from how absorbent different brands of diapers were, to a pair of gloves equipped with sonar technology to help blind people get around," said senior pre-med student, Aaron Adams.

Ken Procter, the dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was also ex-

cited about hosting this event.

"This is a very exciting opportunity for the students involved. Hands-on science is what gets students interested in the subject," Procter said. "Early success in a science and engineering fair could propel a student into further study and an eventual career as a scientist or a science teacher who would be able to excite the imagination of the next generation."

More students than ever competed at this year's regional fair. The number of entries increased by 33 percent from last year and there was a larger number of high schools competing.

Each project was given a first, second or third place ranking according to grade level, and special awards were handed out to the most outstanding projects. Many of the students received bids to attend the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair in Athens.

The winner of the Best in Show award, Thomas F. Wilkason Jr., of Mount de Sales Academy will receive an all-expenses paid trip to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno, Nev. in May.

"The staff at the Science Education Center would like to extend our deepest appreciation to everyone that assisted with making the 32nd Annual Science & Engineering Fair a productive and meaningful experience," Richards said.

Symposium speakers focus on global environmental justice

BY STEPHANIE SORENSEN
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU is hosting an International Symposium to discuss global citizenship and environmental justice. The week-long event started Monday with the keynote Speaker, Dr. Roger Coate, the former director of International Studies at the University of South Carolina. The symposium discussed the importance of the environmental justice movement and the focus of human rights.

The environment has become a dire issue in recent headlines, mainly citing humanity's impact on the environment. Dr. Coate also attended the luncheon yesterday in the MSU lounge to discuss further information. With a group-led discussion, the luncheon focused mainly on women's rights and branched into the right to quality of life for the citizens

around the world.

"Out of the many pressing issues facing the world, it is difficult to identify which ones are the most urgent or the most important, but I hope to be able to influence the world through education," Leah Barber, GCSU study abroad advisor said. "I believe that everyone should always be seeking to learn more about the many varied cultures and people in the world."

Hot topics such as the genocide in Darfur and the instability of the southern African governments have sparked concern in the students of GCSU. The discussions are open to a variety of topics and strive to promote action to solve these global issues.

The financial crisis throughout the

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GCSU revamps emergency plan

BY MARY ZEHNER
SENIOR REPORTER

Have you ever wondered what would happen if an armed intruder came into your class? What if there was a chemical spill during lab? What would happen if one of your classmates had a seizure during an exam? The answers to those questions and more are in the Emergency Preparedness and Occupational Safety Guide, EPOS for short.

Justin Gaines, coordinator of environmental health and occupational safety, recently reworked the existing informational flip book into a 30 page detailed document with a corresponding laminated guide for quick and easy reference.

"I wanted to publish the whole thing and give a 5x8 three ring binder to everyone, but the budget would not allow it because it was

fairly expensive," said Gaines. "So what I ended up doing was posting that online and then I created a guide, just a quick reference of eight different things that may occur on campus."

Mailed to all members of the faculty and staff of GCSU, the brightly colored guide references eight different possible on-campus emergencies. The four most common, Gaines said, are fire, severe weather, chemical spills and medical emergencies.

"Severe weather is the most prominent thing that would happen on campus," Gaines said. "Fire is always a problem whenever you have a lot of people in the building. Medical emergencies, we answer those just about every week. Not many people know what to do in a chemical spill, but we have chemicals on campus for which people

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Economy forces students to make economic choices

BY KATELYN HEBERT
STAFF REPORTER

According to the New York Times, in January alone, 598,000 jobs were lost.

As said by President Obama in a press briefing Monday, this is almost equivalent to the number of jobs in the entire state of Maine. Many students at GCSU are finding ways to deal with this economic crisis. In times like these, students, more desperate than ever to find a job, are cutting back on wasteful spending.

Sophomore business major Samuel Hemstreet, is trying to cut down on spending on things that he no longer finds essential.

"I don't really buy movies anymore so that I can save money," Hemstreet said. "I ride my bike more now too because gas is ridiculous these days and it's not worth it."

One group heavily affected by this depression is the soon to be graduates looking to join the job market. As seniors struggle to find more internships and more ways to enhance their resumes, the job market is quickly shrinking. Senior psychology major Katie Ragusa, is worried that the country's economic crisis will make it hard to find a job after graduation.

"Since there is no jobs right now, I'm actually thinking of staying in Milledgeville another year after I graduate because I do have a job with the dance department here," Ragusa said. "It's kind of changing my plans for next year because I'm scared to quit the job I have right now."

Not only is it difficult for students trying to get on their feet after they graduate, part time jobs are becoming harder to find.

Symposium

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world has shrunk the already small voice of humanitarians. Organizations such as the UN are not large enough to resolve the issue of human rights on such a large scale. The symposium analyzes the balancing acts between countries in aspects of rights to land and water and the imposition humanity has on the environment.

"Faculty and students at GCSU are definitely aware of the various world crises, but greater awareness, commitment and action needs to be built on the local, state, national and international level" Dwight Call said.

The environment is no longer a small issue with the pressing possibility of global warming and the scarcity of resources in regions that were once plentiful. There must be a collective action to boost conservation efforts and preserve the natural world for future generations. The talks facilitated by GCSU only serve to start valuable conversation about this and other issues.

"I think we've reached a point in which throwing money at problems doesn't create a solution. We have to understand more about the cultures and the people in them," Joel Graham said.

Not to be disregarded as hippies and treehuggers, the symposium encourages students to come who are interested in the world around



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Scott Howard, a senior, participates in the dramatic reading from "Voices of Chernobyl" a part of the symposium series.

them to attend the seminars and share ideas about world affairs. The presentations on campus are a catalyst to spark a global interest in political, environmental and international issues.

"I think the world is sectionalized, but the fact of increased transportation makes aid more globally accessible. It would be nice to have more of a global aspect in our country," Mary Lee, junior community health major, said. "If I lived in Europe I would feel more global, but the US lacks transcontinental transportation and it makes it feel more secular."

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need to know what to do."

The four additional emergencies included on the quick reference guide are bomb threats, armed intruder, utility failure and psychological crisis or substance abuse. In reference to the psychological crisis and substance abuse, Gaines said that GCSU wouldn't have the students they have today ten years ago due to the advancements in medicine.

"Medicine has advanced so much to where students can now be stabilized through medicine," said Gaines. "But we're seeing an increase in psychological crisis and substance abuse through medication, because these students may have been on this medicine through their high

school years but decide they want a fresh start freshman year, choosing to stop taking their medications."

As far as armed intruders and bomb threats, Gaines is happy to say that GCSU has yet to run into that situation but considering the "hot topic" these situations have become, Gaines said that it is still very important to equip every faculty and staff member with the necessary steps to keep them and their students safe.

The EPOS guide also includes page citations that corresponds each situation to the more detailed explanation online at <http://info.gcsu.edu/intranet/epos>. The original thirty page EPOS is designed in a question format with just about any situation you can imagine happening including a rare Georgia earthquake.

But how much did this all cost? The guide is a full color, laminated reference sheet

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6. Environmental specialist
25% growth rate - \$53,000 median income
7. Hydrologist
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Obama as a "full-blown crisis."

Freshman Rachel Cauthen has been actively looking for a job around Milledgeville for a few months now.

"I'm looking because I have to save up to pay off student loans," Cauthen said. "It's pretty frustrating because all the jobs young adults used to have are going to older adults who have now lost their jobs."

This is just another one of the reasons it is so hard to find a job at this time. Since the beginning of the recession in December of 2007, 3.6 million jobs have been lost and the US national debt has increased an average of \$3.42 billion per day. Statistics such as these leave college students with empty pockets and only slight rays of hope for the days to come.

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New Cars

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new cars during a budget crisis, according to Maj. Grant, is fuel economy.

"Our Crown Vics only get about eight or nine miles to the gallon," said Grant. "The Chargers are supposed to get 16 miles to the gallon, but even if they only get a few more, that will be a great savings in terms of fuel costs."

Automotive Web site motortrend.com, in a profile of the 2009 Charger, said that Dodge had indeed improved fuel efficiency and made the car more comfortable, which is an important feature since officers may spend hours in the car at a time.

Officer Scott Lance confirmed the greater fuel efficiency and comfort and suggested another upside to the Charger.

"It gives us more of a police presence. It's got more a dynamic look to it. It's more of a professional look, in my

opinion....I've been driving Crown Vics since I started in 1998, and when we got these Chargers, I was overwhelmed by the difference in the body styles," Lance said. "I've seen the State Patrol driving them before, and when they would go by you, you just knew that that was a dynamic presence that they had and you wanted it for yourself."

According to state law, said Maj. Grant, the cars will be required to be used for 10 years or as long as they are serviceable, and he hopes that the cars, which have not been on the market for very long, will last that long.

"In our business, we have to keep up with technology, and right now it even looks a little more critical, with the budget crunch being so heavily affected right now. And it looks like we just bought a brand new car, when in essence, the cars were purchased eleven months ago," Grant said. "But things like that are necessary, and we've always bought used in the past, but we're trying these out."

Smoking Ban

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issue about smoking on campus is that "many smokers are inconsiderate and gather at entrances to buildings and outside windows and other air vents. This allows smoke into the buildings where people work and are fumigated with tobacco smoke."

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In an unscientific straw poll, GCSU students said that moving ashtrays would be the most appropriate solution. Moving urns for ashtrays takes manpower not money.

"So they don't want people not to smoke near doorways, yet that is exactly where the ashtrays are. Look at the library, it's like a smoking station," Robert Galyean, senior English major, said.

So will GCSU snuff out smoking on campus?

"After much discussion, RPIPC formed an ad hoc committee to draft a policy, based in part on the SGA resolution, that will address the many concerns that we heard during our two forums," said Doug Oetter, a standing RPIPC committee officer and geography professor. "We hope to have the policy back to the full committee at our April meeting."

the street, said that it's such a shock to know what happened there.

"It's a pretty quiet neighborhood and it's unfortunate that happened," Smith said. "It's scary that something like that happened so close. It really makes you more aware."

No word yet on whether or when Weaver is returning to work at GCSU.

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Shooting

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the investigation and they have turned in the case to the DA's office pending charges.

"Upon our investigation of the case, we have reason to believe that Weaver shot Horne in self-defense," Swicord said.

This is the first killing in the city Milledgeville for this year.

The neighborhood where Horne was killed is located within a couple miles of the GCSU campus. Several students live in this subdivision including those living across the street from the scene of the crime.

Alex Smith, a senior who lives across

get a foot in the door.

"It's that extra step – demonstrating interest," Augustine said. "We want to see that they really want to be here."

After acceptance, students must send in a \$200 deposit, which reserves their seat in the freshmen class, and a \$230 housing deposit. Prior to orientation, each student will POUNCE, which is now mandatory for all incoming freshmen.

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students who make up the middle 50 percent.

A narrow margin of GPA's and test scores makes it harder for applicants to stand out on paper.

Augustine explains how students can

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GCSU's very own Marlene Lovejoy speaks about her book "Edge of Sanity: Journal of Depression, Bipolar Disorder and Beyond," hopes to dispel misconceptions about Bipolar Disorder while promoting openness and acceptance.

Lovejoy shares the journey of her life through writing the book, experiencing life and sharing them with the world.



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NAACP celebrate's their 100th anniversary. Many changes has happened since the organization first set roots. GCSU's NAACP chapter looks back on the importance of this historic organization, how it has changed, what it has contributed and what it means to the African Americans of Georgia College and State University.



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The Colonnade celebrate's Black History Month highlighting the lives of the first African-Americans that forever changed the campus. From integration, to the first African-American professors, GCSU looks back and turns back the clock .

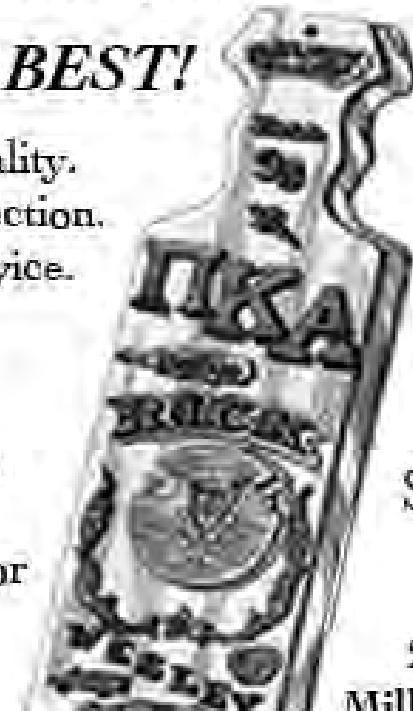
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Milledgeville: Land of lakes and land of prisons

BY DANA LANDERS
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU campus is in the midst of lake country, across the street from Georgia's old capital building, and a short walk from Georgia Military College, but no one mentioned in the brochures that it was also 12 miles away from four state prisons.

Baldwin County contains more state prisons than any other county in Georgia. Before October, there were five state prisons in Hardwick, Ga., a mere 12 miles away from campus. River's State Prison closed in October due to budget cuts, leaving four state prisons in Hardwick and a youth detention center located off of Highway 22 in Milledgeville.

The four remaining prisons are located behind Central State Hospital. Dating back to 1937, these prisons have had front seat tickets to much of Milledgeville's history and continue to influence the area's economic destiny. The prisons employ over 1,000 people and house around 4,000 inmates.

Without these prisons, 1,000 people would be out of jobs, but with those jobs also comes the price of paying for the 4,000 inmates to eat, live and be contained. The cost per inmate can range from around \$42 to \$50 per day depending on the security level of the prison; the higher the security, the higher the costs.

State prisons have three levels of security, which are low, medium and close. Three of the prisons in Hardwick are medium security prisons, meaning the inmates are not considered extremely dangerous and many may even work in prison details around the county. One of the prisons is a close security, the highest level for state prisons. This means that the prisoners are either escape risks, have assault histories or are considered dangerous. These prisoners never leave the prison grounds and are under constant supervision.

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BALDWIN STATE PRISON

(Top) Baldwin State Prison was constructed in 1976. It was renovated in 1989 and has a capacity for 1,100 inmates. This adult male prison is a close security prison. There is speculation that a private prison will be built on the same ground, but the decision will be made sometime this month.



BOSTICK STATE PRISON

(Left) Constructed in 1954 and operational by 1987, this prison for adult male felons is a medium security prison. One of Georgia's oldest state prisoners, BJ Perry, is housed here. Perry is 81 years old and was originally serving a life sentence for murder in Dougherty County, but he escaped for ten years and is now serving sentences for two murder convictions and one voluntary manslaughter.



FRANK SCOTT STATE PRISON

It was constructed in 1937 and opened in 1975 for adult male felons. This medium security prison holds up to 1,223 inmates. An issue of putting three bunks in a cell has been going around Georgia prisons. The facility is one of prisons affected by the addition of 103 extra bunks making more room for triple bunks.

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Thursday, Feb. 19

Friday, February 13

10:00- 5:00 p.m. 13th Annual A.N.G.E.L.S. Silent Auction
University Banquet Room

Saturday, February 14

2:00 p.m. Bobcats Softball Doubleheader v. Wingate Peeler Complex (West Campus)
2:00 p.m. Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. Lander, SC
4:00 p.m. Bobcats Basketball vs. Lander, Greenwood, SC
7:30 p.m. GCSU Max Noah Singers Valentine's Day Rendezvous, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 15

Monday, February 16

10:00 a.m.- 4:00p.m. Homecoming 2009: Can Serve-a-thon various locations
1:00 p.m. Homecoming 2009: Office Decoration Competition-various locations
5:30p.m. Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. Columbus State Columbus, Georgia
7:30 p.m. Jessica Dennison, Vocals, and Marcelina Turcanu, Piano, Max Noah Hall
7:30 p.m. Bobcats Basketball vs. Columbus State
10:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m. Homecoming 2009: Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake, Baldwin Bowling Center

Tuesday, February 17

2:00 p.m. Bobcats Baseball Doubleheader v. Columbia Union, Kurtz Field (West Campus)
8:00 p.m. Homecoming 2009: CAB Movie Night

Wednesday, February 18

12:30 p.m. Lunch 'n' Learn: Decision Making Strategies 232 Lanier Hall
12:30 p.m.- 1:45 p.m. GCSU Green Initiative Committee Meeting 2-16 Arts & Sciences
2:00 p.m. Bobcats Softball Doubleheader v. Georgia South western, Peeler Complex (West Campus)
4:00 p.m. The Road to the Office Series, 208 Atkinson Hall
5:30 p.m. Homecoming2009: Bobcat Step Team Showcase Centennial Center
5:30 p.m. Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. Georgia Southwestern, Centennial Center
7:30 p.m. Bobcats Basketball vs. Georgia Southwestern Centennial Center

Thursday, February 19

11:00 a.m.- 2:00p.m. Educator Expo, Augusta State University
3:00 p.m. The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo
The Women's Resource Center,
143 Maxwell Student Union
9:00 p.m. Homecoming2009: Blue & Green Trivia College Bowl, Magnolia Ballroom

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Happy Valentines Day!



NOW HEAR THIS

PawPrints Bookstore

Baseball Sale- Help Fans "Steal a Deal"- In a joint promotional effort between PawPrints Bookstore and GCSU Baseball, fans will be able to "Steal a Deal" beginning tomorrow, Feb. 5 during the first home game of the Baseball season against Erskine College at 2 p.m.

Each stolen base by the Bobcats is worth 5 percent off all GCSU clothing or imprinted items (excluding textbooks) at PawPrints Bookstore. The "Steal a Deal" promotion only applies to home games and the maximum discount is 40 percent off.

The buyer must bring in a dated program from the game to receive the discount. Friday and weekend game discounts will be available on the following Monday. Come celebrate opening day with your Bobcat Baseball team as they go head to head

against No. 36 Erskine, and cheer them on to "Steal a Deal" for your purchases at PawPrints Bookstore.

"The Rover" - Celebrate! A great new innovation has come to campus! Music and Theatre Department events can now be purchased from the comfort of your own home online!!!!

Please go to gcsutickets.com to get info and purchase your tickets for the Mardi Gras Extravaganza "The Rover" production in Russell Auditorium from Feb. 25 - March 1. The play has sword fights, masquerades, damsels in distress, live music and love! And, yes, there will be beads!!!!

No more walking over to purchase tickets in Porter Hall; no more standing in line at the Box Office! We will see you for a Carnival event not to be missed! Purchase and print your own tickets from gcsu-

tickets.com!

Common Action for the Common Good:

How to Organize an Interfaith Service-Learning Event 12:30 -2 p.m. Maxwell Student Union Lounge Participants will learn about building an effective steering committee, choosing their project wisely, fundraising, dealing with logistical details, the need for dialogue and arranging for facilitation and how to properly evaluate an event after its completion. -Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Interfaith Breakfast: Religious Pluralism

8:30 -10:30 am University Banquet Room. Join us for breakfast as Interfaith Youth Core Member, Hind Maaki presents "Religious Pluralism." This presentation, designed for all audiences, focuses on the basic ideas of religious pluralism.

THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



Greased

Feb. 7 at approximately 10:00 p.m. Sgt. Reonas was dispatched to The Village in reference to a student injury. Contact was made with a student, who advised she was heating up some grease on the stove and it caught on fire. The student advised when she attempted to remove the pan from the stove, she spilled grease on her hand. The student contacted her mother and was advised to go to the hospital. The alarm was reset and there was no damage to the apartment.

Gun Found in Vehicle

On Feb. 8 at approximately 1:00 a.m. Sgt. Ennis heard a vehicle at Clarke and Hancock Streets with loud music. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the driver, who acted nervous and did not have his license on him. Sgt. Ennis observed a black hand gun laying on the floorboard and for officer's safety, the gun was removed from the vehicle. A check of the serial number of the gun through GCIC found that the gun had been stolen from Macon. The driver was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving without license, loud music and theft by receiving stolen property. The vehicle was released to the owner. The gun was placed in the evidence locker.

Basketball Theft

On Feb. 8 at approximately 5:00 p.m. Sgt. Reonas was dispatched to the Centennial Center in reference to a theft. When Sgt. Reonas arrived on scene, the entire mens' basketball team was in the parking lot with 2 juveniles. One of the basketball players advised he had gone into the locker room and found the juveniles going through the wallets of the players. The juveniles quickly left the area and when the other players checked their belongings, it was found that cell phones and cash were missing. When the players went out into the parking lot, the 2 juveniles were found hiding under a vehicle. Two cell phones were located

in and under the vehicle and \$100.00 cash was found on the juveniles. There are still 2 cell phones and over \$100.00 cash missing. The juveniles attend the Early College Program. The two juveniles have been banned from all GCSU property except for Kilpatrick to attend school. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for further investigation and the principal of Early College has been notified for disciplinary action.

Stolen Text Books

On Feb. 7 at approximately 6:00 p.m. a man reported that he had textbooks delivered by UPS to his daughter at The Grove apartments and now they were missing. Personnel at The Grove stated they knew nothing about books being delivered.

Passed Out

On Feb. 10 at approximately 3:00 a.m. Sgt. Pittott observed a male lying on the sidewalk at Hancock and Clarke Streets. Contact was made with the subject, who was passed out from alcohol consumption. A 22 ounce bottle of beer was in the man's hands, with most of the contents spilled on the sidewalk and his person. Milledgeville PD officers assisted in waking the subject up and helping him walk to the patrol vehicle. The man was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with public drunkenness and open container.

Car Accident

On Feb. 10, at approximately 2:30 p.m. while monitoring pedestrian and vehicular traffic at Hancock and Clarke Street, a traffic accident was witnessed between two vehicles. There was moderate damage to both vehicles, but both drivers were unhurt. Milledgeville Police Department worked the accident



Information compiled by Stephanie Sorensen

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extended Public Safety Report podcast.



This week has been highlighted by the dawn of the spring elections. Anywhere we walk we can see the hundreds of pounds of chalk spread out all of the ground beneath our feet. While this is somewhere between obnoxious and exciting, it is SGA that is watching out for the electors and the students running as we move toward homecoming and the ensuing elections.

SGA's Internal/External committee is hands-on in its approach to overseeing the elections and their fair operation. Rules have been put in place to define the parameters of a proper campaign and are being overseen by the President Pro Tempore and the Vice President of SGA, Justin Haight. With both the president and Vice President being outgoing seniors, it is up to the student body to install new executives.

Senator Joel Graham is running against SGA Treasurer Zach Mullis for the

position of President, while it is a three way race between Senators Kayla McCollum, Billy Grace, and President Pro Tempore Marcus Green, for the office of Vice President. Both of those races will be hotly contested and all of SGA encourages every student to get out and get informed about who is best qualified to represent the student body. Yet it's the Mr. and Mrs. GCSU races that are capturing the attention of most of the student body.

With a Mrs. GCSU candidate from almost every sorority this will surely be a race to obtain the most "non-Greek" votes, with each group being staunchly in favor of their own candidate. Again SGA encourages every student to get to know the candidates and to make an informed vote.

Lastly, your SGA student senate has recently passed a proposed amendment to the SGA constitution that would allow the senate to

correct grammatical errors and minor typos. As the situation is currently, it takes an entire resolution and three votes to change the minor errors of grammar and punctuation. Yet hopefully, after this election, it will be far more easy for SGA to clean up its most important document and continue to professionally serve the students.

The initiative to amend the constitution will come before every voter in the weeks ahead, and the senate unanimously encourages every student to vote for the amendment to pass. Please join your already elected representatives in supporting this amendment with your vote and your voice.

Finally, as we approach Homecoming 2009 and Greek-week please soak in the school spirit and rest assured that SGA is serving the student body.

Opinion

Friday, February 13, 2009

The Colonnade's Forum for Public Debate

Editor in Chief, Corey Dickstein

Our Voice

The Colonnade thanks you

The competition was fierce, but The Colonnade came prepared to battle to the death. Okay, so maybe a fight to the death is a bit of a stretch.

The truth is that every year The Colonnade enters a statewide competition against many of the finest college newspapers in the state. The competition, Georgia College Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest, was held in Athens this past weekend.

Anxiously, ten Colonnade staffers awaited the unveiling of the awards.

And, for the fourth straight year The Colonnade walked away with the grandest of awards, the coveted General Excellence Award.

For General Excellence, (and all general categories) we compete against other four-year schools with 8,000 or less students.

Oh, by the way, The Colonnade also placed first or second in six other categories.

We came in first place in Campus Community Service for Sports, Campus Community Service for Editorial Excellence, General Photography and General Advertising. We also grabbed second place for Campus Community Service in Features and for Layout and Design.

Colonnade staffers also grabbed four individual awards.

In the individual categories, The Colonnade competes against all four-year schools in the state, even much larger schools such as Georgia Tech and Georgia State.

Former photo editor Erin Gish earned two individual awards highlighted by first place in the Best Photo Essay category. The senior also placed second in the Best Features or Editorial Photo category.

Fellow senior photographer Ross Couch also won an individual award, placing second in Best Sports Photo.

Finally, Editor in Chief Corey Dickstein placed first for his article entitled, "NIU shootings prompt GCSU Connect-Ed signings to rise."

The Colonnade wants to thank all of its contributors. The awards are excellent recognition of an extremely hardworking staff.

We would also like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who advertise with us. Without you we could not begin to afford to do the things we do to earn such high recognition.

We also want to say thank you to the administration. Without your constant help we would not be able to provide students, faculty and staff with the information necessary to provide as professional a publication as possible.

Finally, we would like to thank our readers. You are the most important part of this publication. If it was not for you, we would be doing a whole lot of work for, well, nothing. We hope you continue to pick up The Colonnade every week.

Thank you very much GCSU.

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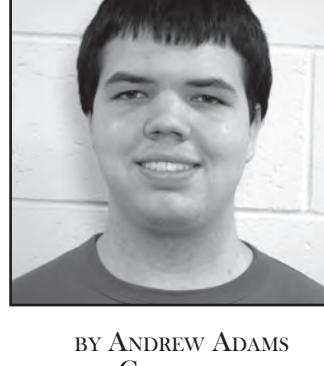
NEW REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY



CROSSWALK 101

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CEO salary cap unhelpful



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, President Obama announced that he had signed an Executive Order that will cap the salaries of executives at companies that receive bailout money to half a million dollars per year.

If you think about it from a poor college student point of view, you're probably thinking "half a million? For leading a company into bankruptcy? Sign me up!" There is an obvious point to be made that federal government funds shouldn't be spent on excessively lush corporate salaries. In fact, I completely agree with that. I hate to think of my hard earned tax dollars paying already wealthy executives more, but I think this Executive Order completely missed the mark in a number of ways.

First of all, the philosophy behind it is all wrong. It is never, under any circumstance right for the government to assign a dollar value to the worth of the work done

by anyone in the private sector. The beauty of a Capitalist economic system is that people are paid what the market will bear. If companies find one person's leadership to be worth three million dollars, then they should be paid accordingly. If a company far overpays their executives then they will likely end up bankrupt and out of business. That is unless of course the government intervenes and bail them out, which is just as philosophically wrong as the government capping salaries.

The second reason this is bad is because companies that are struggling will probably make up the compensation difference by paying their executives in stock options. In moderation this is a wonderful thing. Stock options encourage employees to take an interest in their company as they too are rewarded for corporate success. That being said, if salary is based solely around the value of stock, executives will be more likely to take actions that heavily inflate stock prices to a point where they shouldn't be. For instance, a company that buys back stock will increase the value per share, just because there are fewer shares. This is just one way that a CEO would have the power to wrongfully increase their compensation.

The third reason that this is bad for our economy is because assuming that total compensation per executive is limited to half a million,

executives will leave the financial market. I doubt they'll quit to become a teacher, scientist or almost any other job because most jobs are paid far less than \$500,000. But they might realize that with the money that they have in savings they could sit on their bottom every day and watch Maury and make more than \$500,000 a year in interest. In essence, when you have \$15,000,000 in the bank, what difference does \$500,000 make? President Obama's executive order will likely cost our nation some very good financial minds.

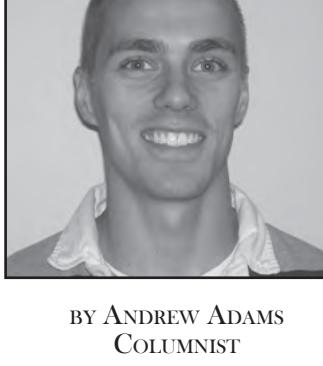
The fourth reason this is bad policy is because most of the executives that put bailout receiving companies in such financial trouble are long gone. Why would a company want to keep a terrible executive? So these companies hire new executives. President Obama is punishing these executives by limiting their salary because of the mistakes made by their predecessors. Imagine you were a CEO new to a company receiving bailout funds, and your salary has just been capped at \$500,000, but then you see another company that is not receiving bailout funds, but is offering to pay you \$25,000,000 per year, which company do you think you'll work for? It's a shame to think of all the good talent that companies in dire straits will be losing because of President Obama.

The final reason why this is terrible policy is because President Obama had the

opportunity to make great policy...and he blew it. The real compensation culprit isn't billion dollar companies paying a good executive a million, or even a few million dollars per year. The true culprit is when corporations pay terrible executives hundreds of millions of dollars in severance packages. MSNBC reported in 2007 that Home Depot CEO Bob Nardelli was awarded \$210 million in a severance package for quitting. That was not a typo, nor is Pfizer's Hank McKinnell who was paid \$180 million for being fired. Lee Raymond, CEO of ExxonMobil quit and was paid \$400 million in a retirement package. The absolute worst of all is probably Disney's CEO, Michael Ovitz, who was awarded \$140 million for being fired after just fourteen months on the job (or \$10 million per month, \$1 million per 3 days, or about \$333,333.33 per day).

President Obama could have used his Executive Order to cap CEO severance packages at one year's total salary. This could have saved all companies hundreds of millions of dollars, and Wall Street would love it because they wouldn't have to continue to increase retirement/severance package values on their executives in order to hire the best ones. Unfortunately, President Obama saw the opportunity to play class warfare with a populist policy and decided that was more valuable than actually helping the economy.

What Obama's done right



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

I wasn't sure what to write about this week. With Valentine's Day on the horizon (for women, it looms; for men, it's Saturday), I initially considered a column about the strange state of romance in today's ultra-modern world: Scientists have just proven that true love can last a lifetime; people now send e-cards informing their partners they have an STD; social networking sites are more popular than ever, etc.

But after walking around with "Love?" written on my hand for a day, I realized a couple things: A) I'm a lonely, miserable husk of a person (every time I looked at my hand, I thought "Not in this lifetime"); and B) As someone who hasn't been in a long-term relationship since high school, and who refers to his lone sexual maneuver as "The Shame Spiral," I'm not exactly an authority on the subject. My dispensing love advice would be like Hurley from "Lost" handing out diet tips (although I agree that Sayid could use a little more soul food in his life).

Instead, I'll stick to what

I pretend to know best: Politics.

It's been a bumpy first month for President Obama; although he seems likely to push his stimulus package through Congress, it's been pared down considerably and criticized heavily on both sides of the aisle. Two of his nominees—Nancy Killefer (for the spiffy new position of Chief Performance Officer) and Tom Daschle (Health & Human Services Secretary)—have bowed out after forgetting to pay a couple (hundred thousand dollars worth) of taxes. Meanwhile, the economy is still gasping for air, and the unemployment rate just hit a 16-year high. No realistic person thought his first 100 days would be easy, but considering the smoothness and surgical precision of Obama's campaign, most people weren't expecting so many gaffes quite so soon.

That being said, cut the man some slack.

He's new at this, after all, and it's not the easiest job in the world. (It might even be the hardest, although motherhood is no cakewalk.) Obama has done a lot of things right over the past few weeks, including the following:

Retaking the oath of office. It's always good when the President of the United States is, in fact, the President of the United States. After a surprisingly awkward exchange with Chief Justice Roberts on Inauguration Day, Obama and Roberts had to redo the ceremony behind closed doors because, maybe, technically, Obama wasn't the President yet. So

if he wasn't, who was? Bush? Biden? Nobody? Was the enormous, glorious freedom freighter that is AMERICA puttering around without a captain there for a few days? These are the questions that keep me up at night.

Shutting down Guantanamo. On a more serious note, this absolutely had to be done. Detaining and torturing prisoners for months or years on end, with no chance of a trial and in some cases no legitimate evidence of wrongdoing—this is criminal.

There are more humane and effective ways to fight terror, and from what I've heard out of Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder, the new administration is committed to a tough-but-fair approach that should quell not only the outbreak of America-hatred that Bush repeatedly, dangerously stoked like a worldwide wildfire, but also the rash of America-shame that has swelled within our own borders since 2001.

(Symptoms include telling people you're Canadian while traveling abroad, and voting for Obama.)

Nominating Judd Gregg as Commerce Secretary. In stark contrast to the preceding President, Obama shrewdly refuses to surround himself with yes-men. I don't agree with many of Gregg's positions, and neither does Obama—that's the point.

Gregg is the third Republican he's placed in his Cabinet, because dissenting opinions breed dialogue, and dialogue breeds fresh ideas. As Maroon 5 so poignantly noted in their 2004 single "She Will Be Loved": "It's not always rainbows and butterflies/It's compromise that moves us along." Adam Levine was singing (beautifully!) about relationships, but the same bipartisan principle can be applied to most of the legislation that reaches the Senate floor.

Owning up to his mistakes. Thus far, Obama's governing policy could be aptly described as "The exact opposite of whatever George W. Bush did under similar circumstances". This isn't just good news; it's the best news. I wasn't happy that he'd erred, but it was incredibly refreshing to watch Obama make the talk show rounds last week, saying again and again, "I screwed up" (regarding the Daschle nomination). In three short weeks, he has displayed more humility than the entire Bush administration—combined—did in eight seemingly endless years.

Obama is not perfect and—contrary to what you've seen or read in Rolling Stone—he's certainly not the Messiah. The nice thing is, he knows it. He knows that God didn't handpick him for the White House; it was the American people. He knows that he's going to screw up more than once and, at some point during his term(s), probably royally.

What's so encouraging is that for the first time in at least 16 years, we have a President who isn't too stubborn, stupid or proud to admit when he's done something wrong.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wasting money on campus

Dear Editor,

After reading the article on the increased fee, I cannot help but comment. I have made a series of observations since the beginning of last semester when the budget problems were beginning to be evident.

First, the computers in the technology lab below the library were replaced. Now, the new ones are better. However, the old ones were adequate. We only need those computers for research and basic office type tasks. We don't need the ability to run Crysis or Bioshock.

Second, the plasma screen televisions all across campus are new. Not just that, but there are lots of them – at least six in the dining hall alone. You can't tell me that this was a good use of money. Also, these are never turned off. I have walked past MSU several times after 2:30 A.M. and both of the televisions visible from the outside are on – as well as the one in the Chappell Hall lobby. This is particularly bothersome when

one realizes that the travel plans of GCSU students and staff (prowl of the green towel) are considered newsworthy.

On the subject of stuff being on all night, lights in the library and MSU (not all, but some), the mail room, Chappell Hall and Parks Hall were all on. What are the odds of the computers being shut off if the lights are not? We also have new dryers as well. Yes, they may use less energy than the old ones, but you still have to dry clothes for a full hour to get them to be merely damp instead of soaking wet.

All of these increased cost. None are needed. None of these purchases/ actions really benefits the students. Cost reduction methods could have been used to replace revenue increasing methods.

Daniel Moss
Sophomore
Pre-mass communication

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- names
- address/ Email address
- telephone number

- year of study
- major

Only your name, year of study and major will be listed.

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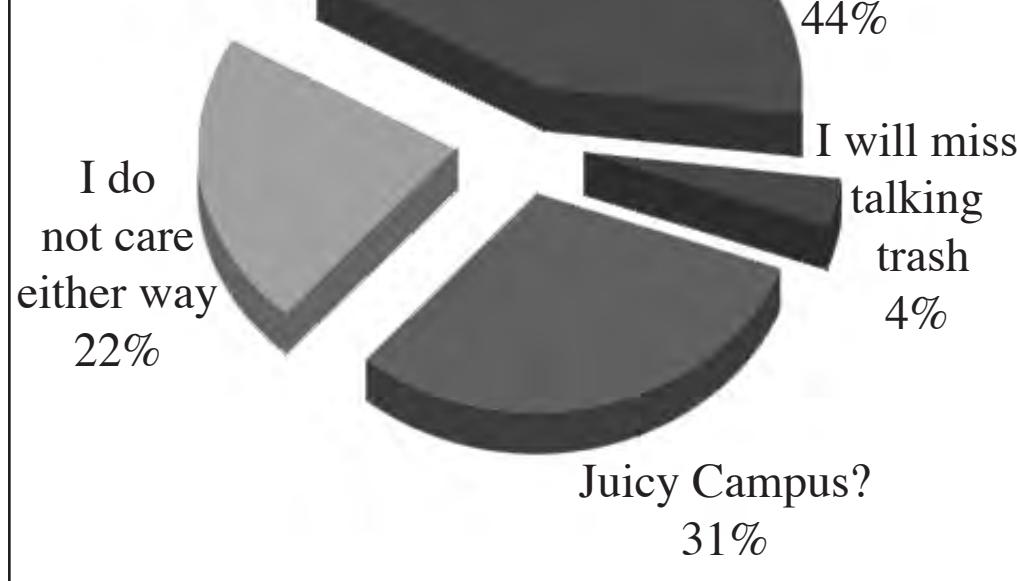
In last week's article entitled "The Caffeine Conundrum," Ellie Dekle should be listed as a sophomore and Paul Anderson should be listed as a junior.

In last week's Colonnade, the Bobcat Beat mislabeled the bottom two photos. They should be swapped.

POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY COREY DICKSTEIN

What do you think about Juicy Campus shutting down?



Next week's question:

What do you think about the Mr. / Ms. GCSU chalking around campus?

- It is a little too much.
- It does not bother me.
- I did not notice.
- It pollutes the campus atmosphere.
- I am one of the chalkers.

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Bobcat Beat

What are you doing for Valentine's Day?



"Alone, attending single's parties."

Lucy Caltaviano, freshman, psychology / sociology



"Buying a rose and surprising a certain girl by putting it in her car."

Brett McLaughlin, senior, psychology



"I'm going home and spending time with my family."

Amber Wallace, freshman, biology



"Spending time with my boyfriend."

Catherine Cotter, sophomore, education



"No clue yet, probably going to The Brick."

Mellissa Fort, junior, business

Reported by Taylor Ehramjian

The Litter Box

Instant Message with "ColonnadeVent"
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How do you tell your friend that his feet stink up your whole room and you have to wash your sheets every time his rancid feet touch them without offending him? Is plugging in three air fresheners and spraying Febreeze everywhere too subtle? Ugh! YOUR FEET STINK!

Happy Singles Awareness Day, everyone!!!

I HATE BEING SICK!!! DIE SICKNESS DIE!!!!!!

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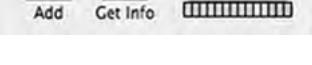
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I love how I can't walk anywhere on campus without getting hit by a frisbee. Yesterday I got hit in the face two separate times at two separate locations. Thanks guys.

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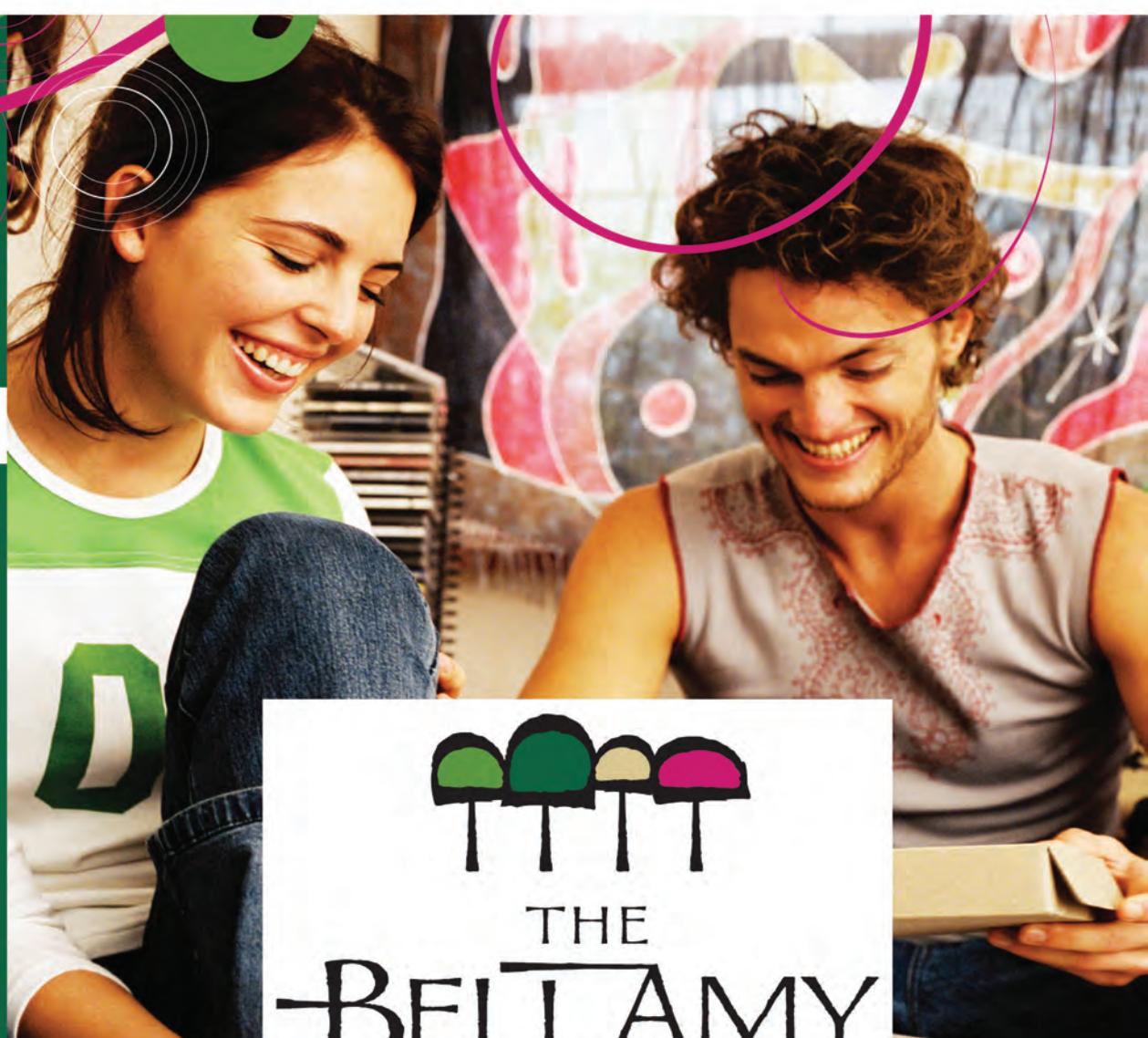
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GCSU Idol captivates crowd



PARTICIPANTS OF THIS YEAR'S GCSU IDOL ENERGIZE AND ENTERTAIN THE AUDIENCE WITH THEIR MUSIC

TAYLOR EHRAMJIAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BY CLAIRE KERSEY
STAFF REPORTER

At last, her chance has come along. After three years competing in GCSU Idol, Laura Dees was the crowd favorite chosen by an audience vote. She prevailed over ten other hopefuls to be the 2009 GCSU Idol on Feb. 6. She sang the well-known Etta James tune, "At Last."

"I'm shocked. I wasn't expecting that at all," Dees said.

The competition was held in a packed Russell Auditorium, filled with excited students, faculty and Milledgeville residents. GCSU Idol is set up much like its namesake, the TV show American Idol. Each contestant performs a song of his or her choice in front of a panel of three judges, and the audience votes for its favorite.

Instead of voting via phone or text message, people voted online, either before the show through the Hands on Milledgeville Web site, or after the performers finished, thanks to 12 laptops stationed in the venue.

This year's judges were Dr. Jennifer Flory from the music department, Philip Joiner, a GCSU alumnus who works at the radio station Z 97.7 and music producer and writer Marcelius "Handz Down" Dawson.

Each judge looked for a different aspect in the performers. Flory used her musical background to analyze the singers' technique, but looked for passion in the singers' performances. Dawson had one particular preference: energy.

"You were on fire," Dawson said of one contestant.

Just like the TV show, the judges were not always as complimentary. Joiner, as a judge for previous GCSU Idols, lived up to his judging reputation, being harder on the performers and difficult to please.

For example, Joiner described one performance as a "singing in the shower performance."

The judges' commentary added to the competitive atmosphere, but ultimately, they were only responsible for choosing their favorite performance, Roderick Sylvester singing "Caught Up" by Usher.

The contestants sang popular songs such as "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz, "Jesus Take the Wheel" by previous American Idol winner Carrie Underwood and "Love Song" by Sara Bareilles.

The competition was sponsored by Hands on Milledgeville, SGA, Magnolia Park, The Grove and the GCSU chapter of the NAACP. But the event was not all about the music. Each contestant chose a nonprofit organization to support, and the winner got a donation to her cause. Although there could be only one winner, each nonprofit received a donation from the show proceeds.

Some of the contestants supported causes that meant a lot to them. Laurie Allen chose the Emory Alzheimer's Disease Research Center because of a family predisposition to the condition.

"They're doing a study on my family, and trying to find a cure," said Allen, a sophomore pre-nursing major.

Dees chose to support the Boys and Girls Club, which will receive a \$3,000 donation. She raised money by holding a charity night at Chops, where 10 percent of the evening's proceeds went to the Boys and Girls Club.

"When I visited them, they reminded me of the kids my sister teaches. I would like to do anything to help them succeed," she said.

Anette Torres and her sorority sisters from Delta Zeta raised money by bagging at Kroger, in memory of Caroline Bagwell, who passed away in June. Through these efforts, Torres raised the most money, and earned a \$1,500 donation. She supported the Shepherd Spinal Foundation.

"It's a foundation (Bagwell) would want me to donate to," said Torres, a junior Spanish major.

This year marked a first for the competition. One of the contestants, Drake Walls, is an eighth grader at Georgia College Early College.

"I sang for my principal, and she wanted me to be known," Walls said. "She thought I was good enough to try out."

The Early College was Walls's nonprofit of choice.

"We've been working really hard. We don't have everything big public schools have," he

said.

After holding two rounds of auditions last semester, the competition narrowed the field down from 69 hopefuls to 11. The contestants came from many different majors and backgrounds, linked by their common love of singing.

"I love to sing. Singing's always been a passion of mine," said contestant Lindsay Phillips, a freshman marketing major.

The contestants have worked very hard to get to competition night. They have been preparing since November, and rehearsed three times a week as the show date drew closer. They practiced their solos as well as group pieces. Yet the rehearsals were Sylvester's favorite part.

"We made up the group songs on the spot," Sylvester said.

Their long hours paid off as they sang "Seasons of Love" from the musical "Rent," and "Ain't No Stopping Us" together. Through their group efforts, they have met new people and formed new friendships.

"They become a family of their own," said Allia Carter, the competition organizer. "I like to see them have fun and enjoy themselves."

It was clear from the performance that all the performers had a great time, win or lose. And for Dees, the third time was definitely a charm.



TAYLOR EHRAMJIAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GCSU Idol on shuffle

Eleven contestants displayed their talents in GCSU Idol, choosing a variety of songs from different genres. The contestants listed at right are featured



GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE KERSEY

Dees sings her way to the top



TAYLOR EHRAMJIAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GCSU IDOL PARTICIPANT LAURA DEES SHARES IN HER EXCITEMENT OF WINNING WITH HER MOTHER.

BY BETH BENTON
STAFF WRITER

Senior music major Laura Dees stole the show at last Friday night's GCSU Idol. Dees captured the audience and won the honor of being called this year's GCSU Idol by singing "At Last" originally performed by Etta James.

Since her mid-teens, Dees has had a passion for singing.

"I'm always singing, whether it is for school, work, or just for fun," Dees said.

She began singing at age 15 when she sang "God Bless America" and played the flute at the Houston County High School Pageant. After this debut, she went on to win singing competitions for several pageants during her high school career.

After graduating high school, Dees came to GCSU planning to major in business and minor in music, but her passion and talent for singing later led her to change her major to music.

Dees is currently a member of the Jazzminds and a singer for the GCSU Jazz band. In addition to showcasing her musical talent at GCSU, Dees also has a band of her own, Bomb Chewy. The band is made up of Dees and seven others who have been together since February of 2008. They perform a mixture of dance, music and funk. All of the members except for one are former members of the GCSU Jazz Band. Bomb Chewy opened for Robert Randolph at the Sweet Water Festival.

As a senior, this was Dees' third and final time competing in the GCSU Idol competition.

"I think that winning GCSU Idol has been a great accomplishment for me and that it will help me in pursuing a career in the future with performing," Dees said.

In GCSU Idol, the winner gets to choose a local organization to donate the proceeds to. Dees chose the Milledgeville Boys and Girls Club as her philanthropy.

"I chose Boys and Girls Club as my charity because I love being around kids, especially low income children who show me a different perspective on life," Dees said. "When I went to visit the children at Boys and Girls Club in Milledgeville, it reminded me of the children that my sister teachers in Warner Robins, and it broke my heart to see how much they cherish the little things in life that we don't even acknowledge. I want to do whatever I can to help these children succeed in life."

The 21-year-old Warner Robins native will graduate in May of 2009 and hopes to sing on a cruise line after graduating from GCSU.

"I think it would not only be a great experience for me to sing but it would also give me a chance to travel," Dees said.

Through her career in singing thus far, Dees has been able to meet a lot of new people and even travel overseas for the first time when the Jazz Band went to the Czech Republic in 2006.

Whatever the future holds for this up and coming singer, you can bet that no matter what, no matter where, Dees will continue to do what she loves, to sing.

Spotlight

BY CHELSEA THOMAS



Ministries offer answers to questioning seekers

For students striving to find a religious foundation or a support system for their existing faith, GCSU has a large variety of ministries, predominantly Christian.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM)

Mission Statement: "Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Georgia College and State University is a Christ-centered, church-related organization focusing on learning, living and sharing our faith in partnership with the local Church. We commit to challenge and equip one another and our community to strive for maturity in faith and practice."

Weekly gathering: Tuesdays "Synergy," a service featuring a speaker and worship each week, is offered at 8 p.m. at the BCM House.

Other ministries offered:

- Thursdays: Fellowship time, including trivia nights, game nights and karaoke nights, at 7 p.m.
- First Tuesday: Once a month, before Synergy, there is a free dinner open to anyone starting at 6:30 p.m.
- The BCM offers seven bible study groups to be apart of, ranging in topics and group type.
- Local missions opportunities, such as visiting local nursing homes and the children's hospital in Macon.

Campus Catholics

Mission Statement: "Campus Catholics is a religious organization with a mission that is focused on ministering to the Catholic students of GCSU. We strive to grow in our spiritual walk with Christ, by strengthening our intimate relationship with Him through the sacraments, and other gifts of the Church".

Weekly gathering: Tuesdays "Christian Life" at 8 p.m. in Flannery O'Conner Hall at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Campus Outreach

Mission Statement: "To glorify God by building up laborers on the campus for the lost world."

Weekly gathering: Tuesdays "180" at 7:30 p.m. usually located in Peabody Auditorium. 180 provides a message fitting the topic series for the semester. Everyone is welcome.

Other ministries offered:

- Sundays: Prayer time located at Covenant Presbyterian Church at 9 p.m.

House Church

Mission Statement: "A community of people that are committed to trying to figure out and follow the teachings of Jesus together." (House Church is not a GCSU student funded ministry.)

Weekly meeting: Mondays at 9 p.m. at "The Brown House" (W. Macintosh Street) and "The White House" (111 N. Columbia Street)

The Wesley Foundation

Mission Statement: "To bring glory to God by reaching out to the college, community and individuals. Invade the college culture, impact the community and lead people deeper into Christ."

Weekly meeting: Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in Magnolia Ballroom (Feb. 18 in Peabody Auditorium)

Other ministries offered:

- Sundays: Dance/Drama/Sign Language at 6 p.m. in the Wesley House
- Mondays: Personal Prayer in the Prayer Room from 6-9 p.m.

An Alternative Choice:

Unorganized

Mission Statement: "Unorganized is a comfortable, open social space for GCSU Students who aren't part of mainstream organized religion."

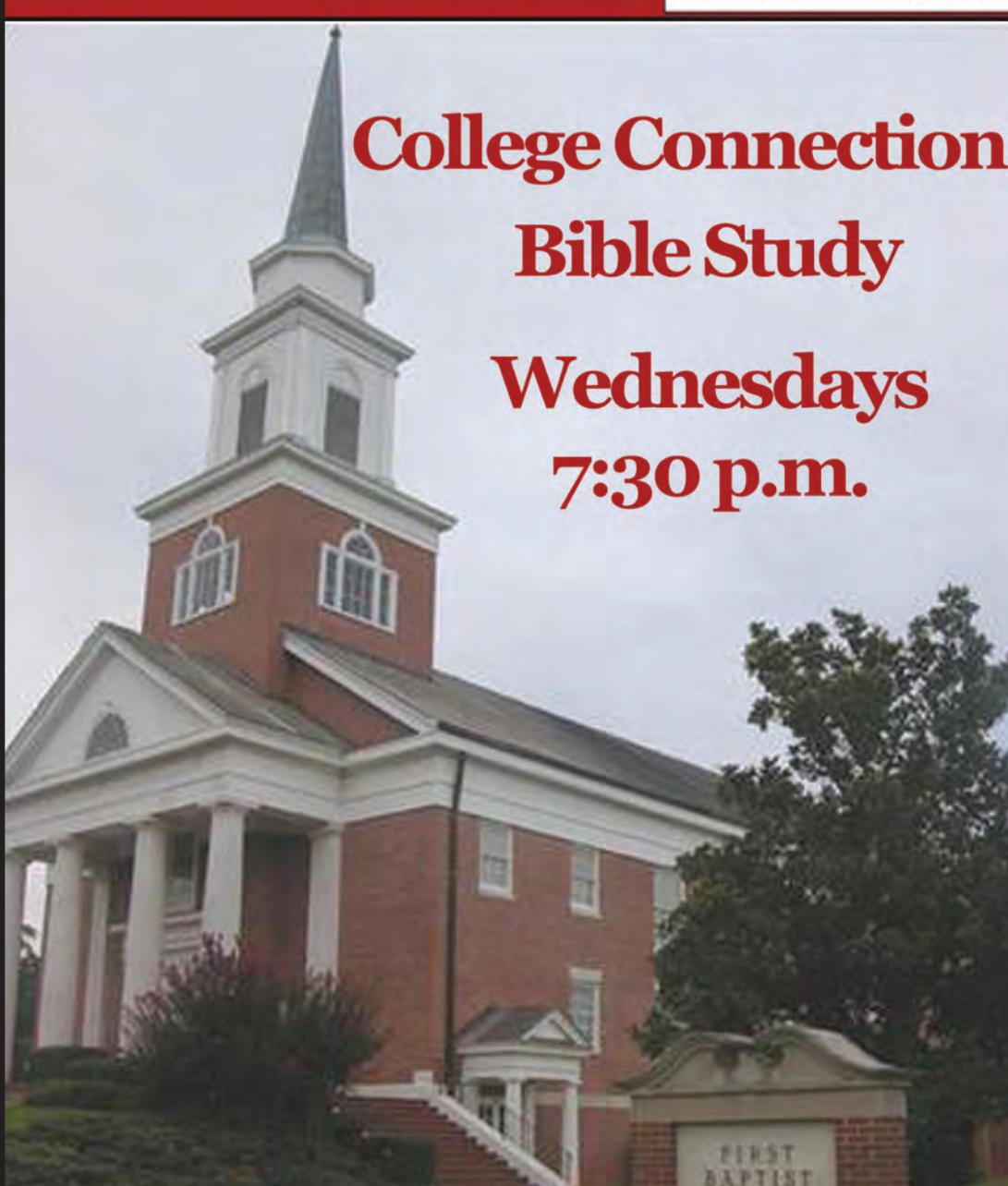
Weekly gathering: Mondays at 7 p.m. in Chappell Hall- Meeting/Conference room.

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Gransden and big band jazz it up at Russell



JOE GRANSDEN, ALONG WITH A 17 PIECE BAND ENTERTAINS THE CROWD AT RUSSELL AUDITORIUM WITH SONGS FROM THE 1930'S AND 1940'S.

BY STEPHANIE SORENSEN
STAFF REPORTER

Last Thursday, sounds of the past impressed crowds as the classic romance of big band jazz music filled Russell Hall. Feet tapped and hearts swooned for the dashing Joe Gransden. Originally from New York, Gransden has a strong family history in music and his talent is apparent. Joining forces with some of the finest Jazz musicians in the world, Gransden made a large impression on GCSU students in Russell Hall. The event was free for GCSU students and there was a large turnout.

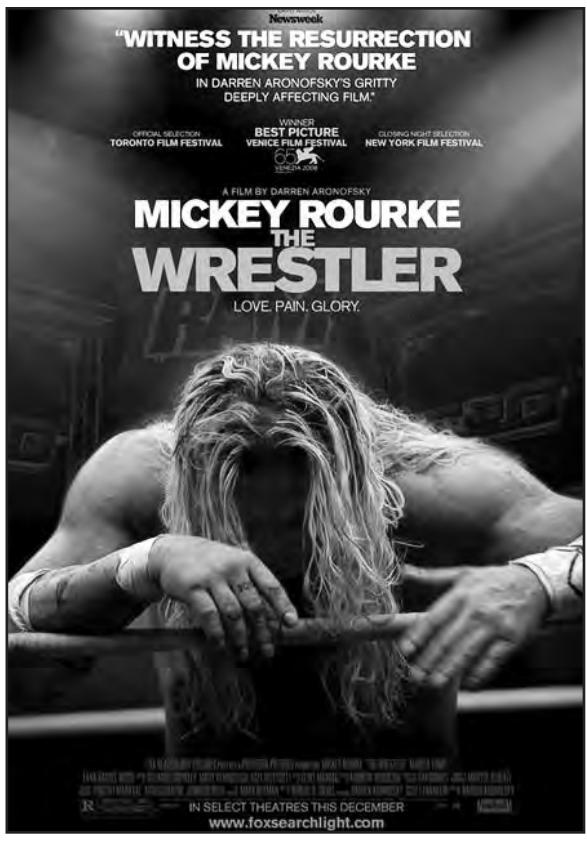
"I loved listening to Gransden," said Brad Cone, sophomore economics major. "This type of music originated in

America and it has real spirit. Jazz does not get much support, and I think it is great GCSU gives us opportunities like this."

The 17 piece jazz band echoed through the audience as people young and old were moved by the music seamlessly and effortlessly. There was a carefree atmosphere that overtook Russell Hall as the band stepped up the tempo, enjoying the music.

"I wish I was around back in the 30's and 40's," Gransden said. "They knew how to make it then."

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Palmer provides an international perspective

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU prides itself on offering its students the best teachers it has access to. Our status as the school's only public liberal arts university guarantees professors who dedicate their time to the students instead of tending to research. However, most teachers do not begin to breach the depth of dedication to their students and studies that Dr. Eustace Palmer has achieved.

His story began in West Africa. He lived in Sierra Leone until the age of 19, when he went to Edinburgh, Scotland to study. He first earned a degree in Honors English Literature, and spent eight years studying with a focus on African literature. He returned from Scotland to teach at the University of Sierra Leone, where he also took the responsibilities of being the chair of his department and Dean of the School of Arts.

After the concert and an encore performance, Gransden and some of the band members stayed to talk with the audience. The charisma of the stage followed the band members onto the floor as they answered questions and seemed excited about the turnout.

"I was brought up on this music," said Kin O'Foole, junior liberal studies major. "I'm so excited to hear such a renowned band play the music I love!"

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PALMER

large factor in Dr. Palmer's decision to leave his home once again in 1992 to begin teaching at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Virginia. During this period, a civil war erupted in Sierra Leone, which would consume his home country for the next decade, making a return home impossible.

"I did not come to the United States with an intention of never going back," Palmer said. "However I was not able to return until 2001, and by that point I had become well-settled in America."

He spent one year in Virginia before coming to GCSU, where he has stayed since 1993. He found a comfortable home in Milledgeville, saying that the school is a pleasant place to work. He prefers GCSU over other universities due to its public liberal arts mission, which he believes takes teachers' focus away from research and instead aims it towards the students.

"Some teachers tried to push against the governmental control of the university," he said. "I resisted the imposition of faculty and fell out of favor with some of my peers."

The political unrest was a

of the Heroic Quest. In each of his classes, he puts an international spin, using the perspective he has gained by living in three distinctly different communities.

"I always emphasize an international mindset," he said, "I try to help the students understand the material by teaching the international ramifications and comparisons."

Palmer spends a large amount of time devoted to his teaching, and yet he has also found the time to write four books regarding African Literature and one on English Literature. He also coordinates the Black Studies program at GCSU, organizes the school's participation in the Southeastern Model of the African Union, represents the university on the Africa Council, sings and acts in several local groups and has managed in his leftover time to become a U.S. citizen.

Dr. Palmer certainly loves his new home, but misses Sierra Leone. Since moving here, he has lost his brother in the Civil War and his mother just last year. He returned home for her funeral, and reflected on the degree to which he missed his family and their regular gatherings. He also has a large house on the western seaboard of Africa, overlooking the Atlantic.

Beyond attempting to return home to see his family as much as possible, Dr. Palmer has not considered any significant changes in the future.

"For the moment," he said, "I just plan on concentrating on teaching and my research."

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Jazz Band

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Gransden entertained the audience in between songs with classic jokes and interesting stories about himself and the band. The audience loved hearing about the band members, some of which had the honor of playing with Frank Sinatra in 1981 before his death. Gransden continued to dazzle the audience revealing that he was Clint Eastwood's favorite musician.

"There was such a power on the stage," said Colin McAlister, senior.

"He combined wit with an old time charm that made the performance so entertaining."

Keeping his witty charm throughout the performance, Gransden admired the support that GCSU students showed for this genre of music. He even involved the crowd in a battle of instruments as he walked down the aisles onto stage.

"As an upcoming musician, he's definitely someone you would want to emulate," said John Hennecken, music major and trumpet player.

The crowd was given a brief biography of each musician in a very casual

setting. The band was warm and good-humored and enjoyed a playful interaction with the audience. Each soloist moved with the music and it felt like a small party with close friends rather than a concert. The intimate setting allowed the audience to relax and feel the rhythm of the music.

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to create the effect of being back in the 30's. The audience swayed to the upbeat tempo losing themselves in the lively music.

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BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

V-Day will continue 'Until the Violence Stops'

documentary sheds light on 'monologues'

BY AMY SANNER
STAFF WRITER

"I want people to know, we do the 'Vagina Monologues' for two reasons: first, to celebrate who we are as women and also, to make sure that there is no other violence against women," said Jennifer Graham-Stephens.

"Until the Violence Stops" is a documentary showing how "The Vagina Monologues" grew into a movement that stops violence against women and girls.

Among many gravely important issues the documentary explores, the topic of sexual slavery in Japan during WWII makes quite an impact.

Graham Stephens revels about the women used as prostitutes at the Japanese Army's disposal.

"They called them 'Comfort Women.' They were told they would have a better life, or sometimes they were just threatened," she said.

These women, some still alive, are without even an apology from the Japanese Government for the two years of terror they were forced to experience. They are haunted everyday by their past and are often ignored by their families out of shame. The 'Vagina Monologues' with its undying efforts to end violence against women and girls enable

these weary "Comfort Women" to speak out and tell their stories. Instead of being forced to stay quiet about the atrocities done to them, they are now able to "release the prison of silence" as one Japanese woman puts it.

V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls, is Feb. 14, a day many would call Valentine's Day. Birthed by Eve Ensler, author and founder of "The Vagina Monologues," V-Day or Vagina Day is a day groups throughout the entire world, in over 120 countries from Europe to Asia, perform "The Vagina Monologues" to raise money and spread awareness. Last year's V-Day, being the tenth anniversary of "The Vagina Monologues," was celebrated by a weekend-long conference/celebration in the New Orleans Superdome. Faces such as Eve Ensler, Rosario Dawson, Selma Heyek, Faith Hill, Jane Fonda, and Jennifer Hudson could be seen on stage performing acts such as "Welcome to the Wetlands," "My Vagina was my Village," and "I was there in the room." These monologues touch on many difficult subjects such as rape, violence and mental/emotional abuse, but they are also celebratory of the vagina and of womanhood in general.

GCSU is holding its own performance of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" on Feb. 12-14 at 7 p.m.

"This is about healing. Being a part of 'The Vagina Monologues' helps those women who have been raped and abused finally heal," performer Meghan Fleming said. "For those who haven't experienced abuse, it is educational. There is a monologue that fits each person."

For more information about "The Vagina Monologues" call The Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity: 478-445-4233 or email Jennifer Graham-Stephens at Jennifer.Graham-Stephens@gcsu.edu. Tickets, available at the Women's Center, are only \$7; A slim price for a show that you will never forget.

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Back to the diamond

Bobcat baseball plays first games of '09 season



COREY DICKSTEIN / SENIOR REPORTER

Senior second baseman Brooks Robinson slides into second under the Erskine throw.

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

After grabbing a last at-bat victory over No. 36 Erskine College in the season opener, the GCSU baseball team dropped three close games to the No. 2 ranked University of Tampa.

Despite the losses, the Bobcats were impressive enough to be voted No. 18 in the Baseball Magazine national poll after starting the season unranked.

Last Thursday, the Bobcats battled Erskine's Flying Fleet to the very last out. In a tie ball game with two outs and the bases loaded senior outfielder Danny McCorkell stepped up to the plate with a mission, to end the game right there.

A perfectly placed bunt just passed the pitcher sent junior Paul Bordon across the plate for a 6-5 victory.

After the game, head coach Tom Carty said that McCorkell approached him with the idea to

bunt, Carty immediately agreed and told him to do it if he could.

"It's great for (McCorkell) to come in, in a situation like that," Carty said. "I had confidence in him, he had confidence in him, and that's what it's all about."

Seven pitchers threw for the Bobcats, with newcomer Martin Dewald earning the win. The junior pitched a perfect final two innings of the game, striking out five of the six batters he faced.

"It just worked out," Dewald said. "I had my stuff today, everything was working, it's always good in a tight game – being pumped anyway – everything just came together."

Junior leftfielder Kyle Allen started his GCSU career with a bang, scorching a stand-up triple down the first base line to leadoff the bottom of the first inning.

Allen finished the game 2-for-3 with a pair of

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Bobcats take out Armstrong, push winning streak to eight

BY KYLE COLLINS
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU women's basketball team battled against Peach Belt Conference foe Armstrong Atlantic State University on Feb. 11. The Bobcats hoped to lengthen their seven-game win streak by smothering the Pirates on home soil.

AASU got off to a strong start in the opening minutes of the game, as guard Lindsey Holmes nailed two early three-pointers. After the first five minutes, the Pirates led the Bobcats 10-8.

A three by junior guard Shandrea Moore gave the Bobcats their first lead of the game. Fellow guard Daniela Nopuente added two more threes shifting the energy in the home team's favor.

Staying true to their defensive prowess, GCSU shut Armstrong down on several subsequent possessions. Junior Antoinette Reames dominated the paint, as she continued her season-long swat party with three blocks early.

Nopuente was perfect on her first three attempts giving her eight in the early point column.



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior forward Tiauna Brantley works against an Armstrong Atlantic defender.

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Upcoming Sports

Baseball:

Feb. 13 6 p.m. Philadelphia
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Feb. 15 12 p.m. Southern Conn. St.

Softball:

Feb. 14 5:30 p.m. Armstrong Atlantic

'Cats finally falter, Armstrong sweeps season series

BY SAM HUNT
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU men's basketball team's winning streak was finally snapped on Wednesday by the Armstrong Atlantic State University Pirates.

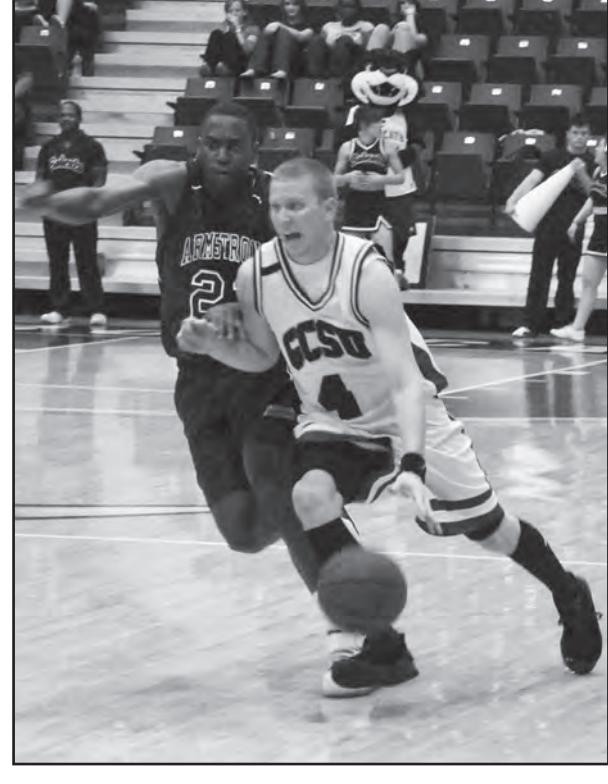
The Bobcats, now number 14 in the Peach Belt Conference, were defeated by the No. 20-ranked Pirates 68-60.

AASU played well from the get-go and led the majority of the first half. With just seconds to spare in the first half, and the Bobcats trailing 27-24, sophomore forward Reece Wiedeman slammed home a dunk to put the deficit at one point, 27-26, at the end of the first half.

The Bobcats' shooting average for the first half was 34.8 percent for field goals, 37.5 percent for three-point field goals, and 53.8 percent from the line. The highest scorer for GCSU in the first half was Wiedeman, who was 3-of-4 on field goals, putting six points on the scoreboard. Senior guard Ken Kemp seconded that effort with four points on 2-of-3 shooting.

"We didn't knock down shots that we usually knock down," Kemp said. "We also missed free throws when we have been making them all season."

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DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior point guard Ty Rowland gets past an Armstrong Atlantic defender on Wednesday night.

Softball finds early success on road

BY BETH BENTON
STAFF WRITER

The No. 20-ranked Lady Bobcat softball team is off to a good start this season, finishing 4-1 at the Early Bird Tournament in Aiken, S.C. this past weekend and winning a doubleheader in Augusta on Tuesday.

On Saturday, the team dominated the University of Charleston 8-0, Limestone College 6-2 and Kutztown University 8-2, and on Sunday the Lady Bobcats lost to Kutztown 8-0 and won against Charleston 12-5.

On Tuesday, the 'Cats swept a doubleheader against Augusta State University, winning 3-2 and 4-3.

On day one of the Early Bird Tournament (Saturday, Feb. 7), the Lady Bobcats went 3-0. Against Charleston, senior pitcher Mandy Chandler pitched her first shutout of the year, striking out 14 batters and allowing only one hit. The mercy rule was enforced and the game was called after five innings. Senior outfielder Sherquita Bostick hit a two-run homer in the victory.

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Quote of the Week

"Back then it was a different culture. It was very loose. I was young. I was stupid. I was naive, and I wanted to prove to everyone that, you know, I was worth, you know – and being one of the greatest players of all time."

- Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, regarding his positive steroid test from 2003 (from ESPN interview)

THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS
SPORTS EDITOR

Say it ain't so, A-Rod. I mean, I can't say I'm shocked, but I'm certainly surprised about the recent events involving Alex Rodriguez and steroids.

After Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, and Sammy Sosa took so much heat for their involvement with performance-enhancing substances, A-Rod appeared to be the man to mount a charge on Bonds' home run record as a clean contestant. Just glancing at the all-time home run list, and the active players on that list, A-Rod is the only player with more than 500 home runs with any legitimate shot of hitting No. 763 to pass Bonds. In other words, it's going to be a while, if ever, until America gets a steroid-free challenger to the home run record, the most coveted in baseball. Right now I'm throwing my support behind Ryan Howard, Philadelphia's left-handed slugger who is as personable as he is powerful. If he tests positive for anything, I'm giving up on baseball. Period.

I want to say A-Rod has done the right thing, by admitting his mistakes instead of ducking the authorities like his fellow players. However, now that he has admitted using banned substances until 2003, how am I supposed to believe that he stopped at that point and has been clean for almost six years, during which time he became the most feared hitter in baseball and won two MVP awards? A-Rod has said that he felt "so much pressure" in Texas with his huge contract and basically being tagged the best player in baseball. So when he got traded to the Yankees, that's suddenly LESS pressure? It doesn't add up.

I can't forgive him for this, certainly not now and maybe not ever. And I suspect the vast majority of my sports fanatic associates feel the same way. Show me A-Rod's clean test results for every year since 2003, and I will then, and only then, say that he is vindicated in my mind. At that point, I will resume cheering for him to smash Bonds' record. But I highly doubt that will be the way things turn out. It looks like "A-Roid" is here to stay and baseball may never recover.

Stat of the Week

104

Number of MLB players who tested positive for steroids in 2003, an average of over three players per team.

THE SHORT STOP



Tennis squads show promise, no match for No. 3 Valdosta

BY MATT ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

The Bobcats' men's tennis team won big this past weekend against Morehouse College Tigers this past Saturday, but the men's and women's teams shared losses against the highly-ranked Valdosta State University Blazers on Sunday.

The men's team dominated in singles play against the Tigers on Saturday.

Senior Erick Siqueria won his match over Tony Martin of Morehouse 7-5, 6-2.

"[After the first set] I loosened up and got more focused," Siqueria said. "It took the pressure off."

Senior Justin Pickham shut out Josh Harris 6-0, 6-0. Senior Francis Yoshimoto won against the Tigers' Kadir Carruthers 6-2, 6-0. Junior Max Beliankou was up 6-0 over Ben Seagle when Seagle ended the match early due to injury, giving Beliankou the win. Junior Giovane Nucci won convincingly over John Oliver of MC 6-0, 6-0. Freshman Robert Anglucci won his match 6-0, 6-2 over Michael Steward.

The men's doubles teams achieved similar results.

Siqueria and Pickham won over Carruthers and Martin 8-1. Beliankou and Nucci won their match 8-4. Yoshimoto and junior Joao Casagrande won 8-1 against Oliver and Steward.

Head Coach Steve Barsby was pleased with the win.

"Our guys played well," Barsby said. "Morehouse is a young team while we have an older, more experienced team."

The men's and women's teams both suffered losses on Sunday against VSU's squads, both of which were ranked No. 3 nationally, by 0-9 scores.

For the women's team, senior Marjorie Ceppo lost to Dominique Rothlaender 6-1, 6-0. Junior Diane Danna lost to Natali Gumbrecht 6-0, 6-4. Senior Gabby Acuna lost 6-2, 6-3 to VSU's Tina Trautmann. Freshman Adriana Acuna lost to Karine Redon 6-0, 6-0. Sophomore Bertille Lion was defeated 6-0, 6-1 by Raphaelle Durante. Freshman Angie Cuellar lost 6-0, 6-1 to Kristel de Groot.

The doubles matches also went in favor of VSU.

Ceppo and Gabby Acuna were defeated 8-1 against Rothlaender and Trautmann.

"We couldn't play the way we liked to play and make our winners," Ceppo said. "They were better than us."

Danna and Lion suffered a loss to Redon and Durante 8-1. Adriana Acuna and Cuellar lost 8-0 against Gumbrecht and de Groot.

The men's team didn't fare any better against VSU.

Yoshimoto and Casagrande kept the game alive by bringing their doubles match to an extra game but lost 9-7 to Florian Halb and Otto Lenhart. Siqueria and Pickham lost against Joerg Ekkenga and Leos Jelinek.

"We (Siqueria and Pickham) tried very hard. The score didn't [reflect] the match," Siqueria said. "We played well except for the returns, which made all the difference. Little details make a big difference."

Beliankou and Nucci lost 8-0 to Michael Kuech and Daniel Dueren.

In singles, the Bobcats accumulated more losses.

Siqueria, ranked No. 8 nationally, lost to No. 9 Halb 6-4, 6-1. Pickham lost 6-4, 6-4 to Dueren. Yoshimoto lost 6-2, 6-1 against Jelinek. Beliankou suffered a defeat to Ekkenga 6-3, 6-2. Nucci lost to Kuech 6-0, 6-1. Casagrande lost to Ben Cattan 6-3, 6-3.

Siqueria was optimistic about his team's defeat at VSU.

"It's never a good time to lose," Siqueria said. "But if I had to choose, now would be a good time so we can use [this loss as a way] to improve and in more important matches we won't make those mistakes [again]."

Barsby was disappointed with the loss at VSU.

"We went down there and got it handed to us. They were just at a different level," Barsby said.

This weekend, both teams play at home against Newberry College on Saturday and Columbus State University on Sunday, the latter being a conference match.

Barsby feels good about the upcoming matches for both teams.

"Newberry has a few solid players. Every match will be a battle," Barsby said. "Columbus State will be a huge match. They have solid teams. It's going to be interesting."

Women's Bball

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"(Nopuente) was very valuable in the first half," John Carrick, head coach, said. "She's getting better, so you can see what kind of threat she is."

Inside the ten-minute mark of the first half, both sides struggled from the field. The rim teased the combined offenses leaving the Bobcats ahead 19-15.

Adding to Nopuente's spark, senior forward Emily Bixler made a three-pointer, extending the lead to six with 2:30 left before halftime. Scrappy bench play gave the Bobcats a 30-25 advantage going into the break. Poor field goal and free throw percentages plagued the offensive output, while a 45 percent clip from long range helped GCSU stay in front.

Bixler said Carrick tried to encourage the team to keep shooting and that the shots would fall eventually.

The Bobcats built the lead to eight off sophomore guard Mandi Dudish's first trey of the night. The opening minutes of the second half proved no kinder with both sides struggling to find the touch.

Back to back three's by sophomore Dominique Huffin and Bixler stretched the GCSU advantage to double digits at the 12:35 mark. Unfortunately, an ankle injury

ended Nopuente's night early.

AASU fought back to cut the margin to eight points, but a three-pointer from Huffin reaffirmed GCSU's control. Solid all-around play from junior guard Candice Clark helped maintain the lead, as the Bobcats finally loosened up.

Carrick said they established a run-and-gun tempo in the second half by sharing the ball.

Approaching the final five minutes, the score advantage swelled to 63-45 for the home team. Offensive flow, steady defense and gutsy rebounding proved too much for the Pirates.

"He (Carrick) has always said as long as we bring that defensive intensity, everything else will fall into place," Bixler said.

GCSU successfully increased its win streak to eight in a convincing 12-point beatdown of a solid conference opponent. Huffin was the high scorer at 12 points, while Reames chipped in seven rebounds and five blocks.

The Bobcats dominated in bench points with 30 to the Pirates' 16, and held advantages in second chance and fast break points.

The Bobcats record stands at 15-5 overall and 10-3 in PBC play, heading into an away matchup against Lander University Feb. 14.

Athlete of the week: Shaun Keaton

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU Athletic Department has named Shaun Keaton, senior guard for the Bobcats' basketball team, its athlete of the week for the week ending Feb. 8.

This is Keaton's fourth such award, his second in a row, and the sixth for the men's basketball team this season.

Keaton averaged 18.5 points per game during the week in two Bobcat wins.

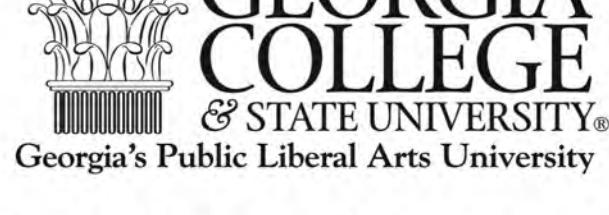
He shot 5-of-7 from three and 8-of-10 from the free-throw line in a 23-point performance against UNC Pembroke.

Keaton then added a 14-point performance against North Georgia, including 6-of-6 from the line.

Congratulations to the Resident Student Association (RSA) and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

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FELIZ DIA DEL AMOR!

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Bee

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Matthew Moore. Baby I love
you. Don't leave me. Come
Cuddle.
-The Russian

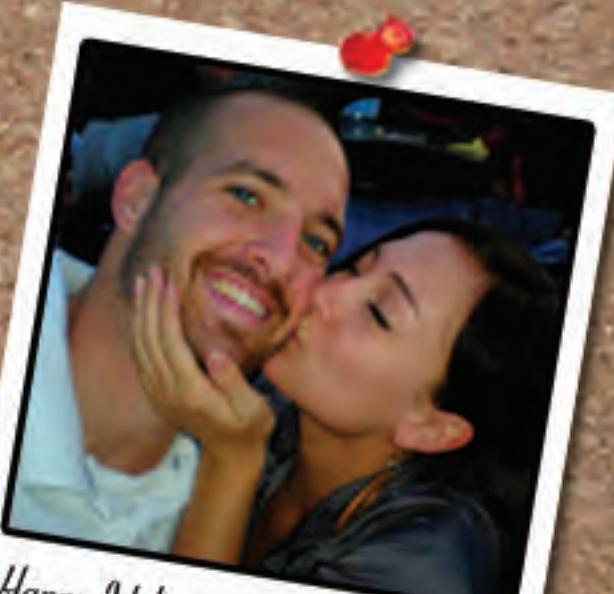


Heather,

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pick me up when I am down, you
comfort me
when I am sick, and inspire me to be
more than I am. You are amazing,
beautiful, smart and kind. I am so
proud of you. I love you all of it.

-MOM

You are about to meet someone that loves you
in a way you deserve to be loved.



Happy Valentine's Day pumpkin!
I love you always and forever



Dear Patrick,
Thank you for being such an honorable
man. I am proud to be
celebrating our first Valentines Day
together.
Many years to come and lots of love,
Bekka



I Love you
Jared!
-Kelly

Love to GCSU
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apart so long. If
we're in each others
dreams, we can be
together all the
time." (Hobbes)



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Countdown
to V-day
1

I got a
free shirt!!

VALENTINE'S



Haley, Every single day, I fall more and more in love with you! You're everything a man could ask for and more. Have a great day! I love you! -Jeffrey



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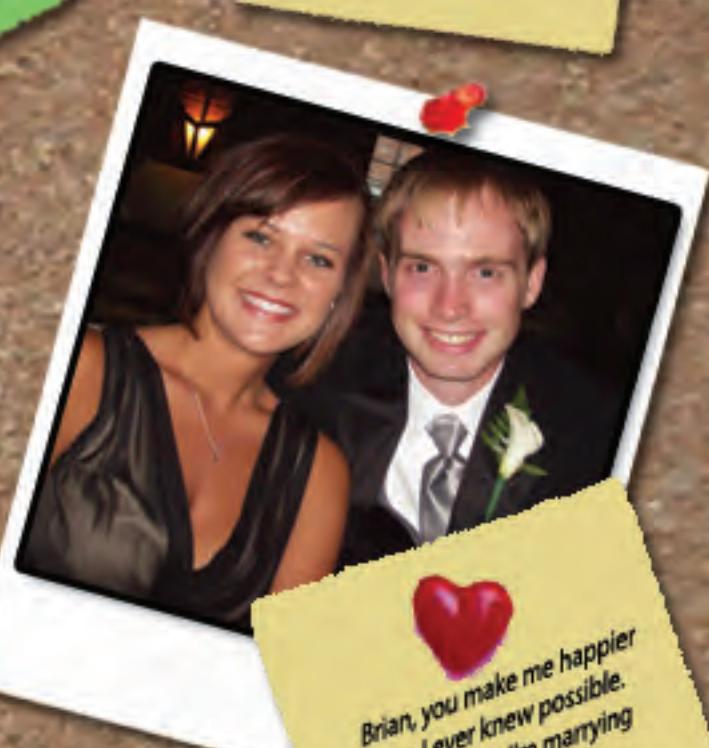
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Tuesday, February 17

2 pm Baseball Doubleheader vs. Columbia Union
7 pm Residence Hall Lobby Decoration Contest
(Judging begins at 7 pm)
8 pm CAB Movie Night: Batman: The Dark Knight

Wednesday, February 18

2 pm Softball Doubleheader vs. Georgia SW
5:30 pm Basketball vs. Georgia SW (W)
7 pm Bonfire at the Depot
7:30 pm Basketball vs. Georgia SW (M)
Half Times Step It Up:
Bobcat Step Team Showcase

Thursday, February 19

7 – 8:30 pm Rock, Paper, Scissors Contest
9 – 11 pm Blue & Green College Bowl

Friday, February 20

8 pm Cartel and Shop Boyz Concert
(West Campus)

Saturday, February 21

8 am Bobcat Ramble
12:30 pm Homecoming Parade
2 pm Baseball vs. Armstrong Atlantic
2 pm Basketball vs. Francis Marion (W)*
4 pm Basketball vs. Francis Marion (M)*

*with Mr./Ms. GCSU competition

Saturday, February 21

Basketball vs. Francis Marion with Mr./Ms. GCSU Competition



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COREY DICKSTEIN / SENIOR REPORTER

Junior center fielder Sean Harrell steals third as the Erskine throw sails wide, allowing Harrell to score on the play.

Baseball

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walks, two runs and a stolen base.

"I didn't see my first hit as a Bobcat being a triple," Allen said. "I was just hoping I didn't strike out."

Also making an impression at the plate in his Bobcat debut, junior third baseman Steve Muoio smacked a two-run homer in the third and added another base knock to record a 2-for-4 day, with three RBIs and a walk.

"Early on we left some runners on base," Carty said. "Our pitchers kept us in the game, but in the seventh we faltered a little on the mound, but it's great to win the opener against a good team like that."

Over the weekend, GCSU traveled to Tampa, Fl. for their annual series with national powerhouse Tampa. Despite battling the Trojans into extra-innings the Bobcats dropped game one on Sunday.

GCSU grabbed a 5-0 lead by the fifth inning, but Tampa answered in the bottom of the fifth with three runs.

The Trojans continued to cut into the Bobcat lead with runs in the seventh and eighth before Trojan outfielder Nick Norgren smashed a walk-off home run over the left centerfield wall in the tenth frame.

The Bobcat bats were silenced in game two by Tampa hurlers Thomas Meagher and Max Krueter, who combined to allow only two hits and one run, while striking out eight GCSU batters.

Junior lefty Ryan Tabor started the game for the Bobcats and allowed three runs and

five hits over 3.2 innings in the loss.

The Bobcats' fortunes didn't change on Monday when they took the field for the third and final game of the series.

GCSU's starting pitcher Dylan Lightell and Trojan starter Josh Bowman locked into a pitchers' duel for the first three innings, but Tampa's offense erupted for five runs in the fourth.

Despite adding four of their own runs in the seventh, the Bobcats couldn't muster enough offense to overcome the deficit. Tampa added two insurance runs in the eighth to cap a 7-5 victory.

Lightell, a junior, gave up three earned runs on two hits and two walks over 3.1 innings. Junior reliever Kyle Cravely pitched the final 4.2 innings, giving up four earned runs on three hits and two walks.

Sophomore catcher Richard Pirkle doubled in a run in the fourth and junior designated hitter Buddy Elmore tagged a two run shot over the right field wall in the next at-bat.

Junior designated hitter Buddy Elmore hit a two run homer in the fourth, his first as a Bobcat.

The Bobcats are back in action at John Kurtz field on Friday when they host Philadelphia University at 6 p.m.

Despite the losses, the team feels confident heading into a nine game home stand.

"I love this team," Allen said. "It's so much better than junior college, better than any team I've ever been on before. I'm really excited about our chances this year."

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Men's Bball

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The second half started off with Armstrong Atlantic continuing to out-rebound and out-shoot the Bobcats.

When the Pirates had an 11-point lead on GCSU with 5:16 left, the Bobcats began to come back. With 3:30 left in the game GCSU had cut the lead to two, 56-54. However, when the Bobcats began to step up their efforts, so did AASU.

The Pirates out-rebounded the Bobcats 41-36 and managed to seal the win with free throws down the stretch.

For the second half, GCSU's shooting average was 37.8 percent on field goals and was 37.5 percent on three-point field goals.

Senior guard Shaun Keaton led the team in scoring in the overall game. Keaton was 6-of-14 on field goals, including 4-of-8 on three-pointers, and was 2-of-4 on free throws, scoring a total of 18 points.

Kemp scored the second-most points for the Bobcats with nine. He was 4-of-8 on field goals, including 1-of-1 from three.

"Every loss, you get a chance to work on something," Kemp said. "I am not glad that we lost, but I am glad that we are going to learn from our loss."

GCSU's shooting average for the entire game was 36.7 percent for field goals, 37.5 percent from three, and 38.9 percent on free throws.

The Bobcats are on the road to play Lander University at Greenville, S.C. on Valentine's



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore forward Reece Weideman goes up for two.

Day at 4 p.m.

"We need to get back and work on the things that we have been working on all season," Head Coach Terry Sellers said. "We are a good shooting team and certainly an outstanding free-throw shooting team. We just have to put this one behind us and focus on the next one."

Softball

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After dominating the Golden Eagles, the Bobcats went on to face Limestone. Freshman Haley Burnett pitched five innings, giving up two runs. Burnett was relieved by Chandler who pitched the last two innings, striking out four batters. Freshman outfielder Stephanie Lezcano and senior first baseman Chelsea Wilson both hit home runs.

In the afternoon, the Bobcats overpowered No. 12 Kutztown University. Defensively, Chandler allowed only three hits. The team dominated offensively, as freshman catcher Anna Parker hit two home runs, junior utility player/pitcher Kayla Smith hit one, and senior second baseman Lindsey Swanson, senior pitcher/third baseman Tonya Medders, and Lezcano all went 2-for-4 at the plate.

"We did well for our first outing," Chandler said. "We are a balanced team with a lot of new additions starting for us. It was great to see them perform so well their first time - they crushed the ball."

For the day, Chandler pitched 14 innings, struck out 22 batters, gave up six hits and allowed only two runs.

On day two of the tournament (Sunday, Feb. 8), the Bobcats lost their first game of the season, the early game against the Kutztown Golden Bears. The team then bounced back and beat Charleston 12-5 later in the afternoon. In this second game, Mandy Chandler's younger sister Sabrina pitched two and one-third innings, taking over in the fifth with two outs and the game tied at five. She struck out three batters and gave up zero runs.

"I had so much fun playing and earning my first college win," Sabrina Chandler said. "It was very nerve-wracking, but equally exciting. Coming in and pitching a college game was so intense, but I absolutely loved it."

All nine Bobcat starters had hits and the team had 14 hits overall. Bostick led the team offensively, going 3-for-4 with one home run. Parker went 1-for-5 with a home run, while Lezcano went 3-for-5 and Burnett went 2-for-4.

Overall, the Bobcats finished the tournament 4-1.

"I think that we played well overall in the tournament last weekend," said outfielder Sherquita Bostick. "Our offense did a really good job of getting on base and scoring runs. We have very strong hitters in our line-up,

and we've proved that by hitting 8 home runs as a team in the five games we played in Aiken."

Last season, Bostick was named Peach Belt Conference (PBC) Player of the Year. She began the 2009 season by hitting .471 and going 8-for-17 in the Aiken Early Bird Tournament, taking the season's first conference player of the week award.

After their exciting weekend in Aiken, the team's next competition was against Augusta State University on Tuesday.

Game one of Tuesday's doubleheader was tied 2-2 in the seventh inning. Senior designated hitter Chelsea Wilson led off the top of the eighth with a double, was bunted to third, and scored on a single by senior third baseman Kori Pickowitz. Mandy Chandler pitched all eight innings, striking out 11 batters, giving up four hits and walking seven batters.

Kori Pickowitz went 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Wilson went 1-for-2 with two runs while Medders went 1-for-4 scoring one run. Sophomore outfielder Kati Pickowitz was 1-for-4 at the plate with an RBI and Swanson went 2-for-4. The team had eight hits overall.

The 'Cats beat the Jaguars in the second game 4-3. Mandy Chandler gave up five hits and two runs, throwing six innings while fanning six. The team played well offensively, getting eight hits overall, and scoring three runs in the fourth inning alone. In the seventh inning, ASU was down by one with a runner on first when Smith grabbed a fly and doubled the runner for the final out.

Smith went 1-for-3 and slammed a three-run homer. Kori Pickowitz continued her success, going 2-for-3 while Bostick went 1-for-4 with an RBI.

"I think we played really well Tuesday," said Ginger Chaffinch, head coach. "Everyone contributed to our win - the bottom of our lineup scored every run in the first game. We were happy to get a sweep in our first conference games."

The GCSU home opener is Saturday, Feb. 14 with a doubleheader against Wingate University beginning at noon.

"I think that it's awesome so far," Bostick said. "I know that we will have a very good season if we continue to keep doing what we are doing."

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